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VISITING CUBAN SCHOLAR

TOMÁS FERNÁNDEZ ROBAINA

Anthro-Historian of Race, Resistance, and Religion in Cuba

- September 23rd, 3pm, International Center, RM 201, 3-4:30pm - Conversation with CLACS, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.
- September 24th, 4:10pm, Berkey rm 110 - Sociology Conversations.
- September 25th, 3:30-5pm, 255 Old Horticulture, Dept. of History.

Tomás Fernández Robaina is Senior Researcher at the Cuban National Library and Professor in Department of Art, Communication and Social Sciences, University of Havana. A prolific author of Cuban history and culture for over 40 years, much of Prof. Robaina’s career has focused on activities, accomplishments, and challenges facing Cubans of African decent. His seminal 1994 publication, El Negro en Cuba 1902-1958: Apuntes para la Historia de la Lucha Contra la Discriminación Racial (Blacks in Cuba 1902-1958) is among the first post-revolutionary books to broach the 1912 massacre of Black Cubans as response to the hemisphere’s first independent political party of color. A long-time activist in struggles against racism, Prof. Robaina is executive board member for Articulación Regional Afrodescendiente de América Latina y el Caribe, Capítulo Cubano and other anti-racism organizations. His current research focuses on African religions and their bibliographies in Cuba and comparative study of African descendants in Cuba, the United States, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, and throughout the Americas. Generations of artists and intellectuals have looked to Prof. Robaina for guidance on AfroCuban history and culture. We hope you will join us welcoming him to Michigan State University.