



**Center for the Humanities in an Urban Environment**  
**Spring 2015 Newsletter**

## Greetings!

The Center is happy to wish you a wonderful summer as we look at our previous events. This semester's events for the Center started quickly, on January 15<sup>th</sup>, as we co-hosted a lecture at the Coral Gables Museum on sea level changes by Dr. Evelyn Gaiser titled *Rising Sea Levels*. We then hosted a beautiful hybrid lecture/concert with the Amazonia Vocal Ensemble on

February 16<sup>th</sup>. After, the Center continued the fascinating FIU/Betsy Exile Studies



Writer/Scholar in Residence program with two events that were led by author and former Guggenheim and MacArthur fellow Norman Manea. The first of these events was a lecture on February 23<sup>rd</sup> titled *Patronage and the Exile Writer*. This was followed by a panel discussion on February

25<sup>th</sup>, *Teaching Exilic Literature*, that discussed the current state of exile studies. The Center then began a new event series that's goal is to share new scholarship and research from FIU faculty with the South Florida community. The first event, *New Voices, New Perspectives*, was on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Center then began a new partnership between The Betsy South Beach and FIU on March 16<sup>th</sup> titled *Generational Conversation on Exile*. We then hosted a phenomenal panel discussion on immigration reform on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Finally, the semester concluded with the Bruce Harvey Annual Advisory Board Dinner/Lecture.

This semester also saw the continuation of our partnership with the Program in the Study of Spirituality and the Department of Modern languages. If you weren't able to make it to these events, please take a look at the archives section of our website at [humanities.fiu.edu/archives/](http://humanities.fiu.edu/archives/) to find video logs of these and other past events.



## OHUE SPOTLIGHT



This Fall the Center for the Humanities in an Urban Environment will continue its partnership with the Betsy Hotel South Beach, the English Department and the Exile Studies Department. This will include a new series of intergenerational conversations (see page 2 for more information on the inaugural presentation) which provides the South Florida community with the chance to hear stories and experiences that span generations.

This semester the center is excited to co-host the continuation of this intriguing series. Please check our website [Humanities.fiu.edu](http://Humanities.fiu.edu) for more information. We hope to see you there.

# CHUE Co-Sponsored Events and More...

## Generational Conversation on Exile



This semester the Center hosted the first of the intergenerational conversation series, a new partnership with the Betsy Hotel South Beach. This event, a discussion between Guillermo Cartaya and his son Pablo Cartaya, looked at the idea of exile across different generations. Guillermo Cartaya was born in Cuba in 1932. He is a veteran of the 2506 Brigade of Assault, which fought in the Bay of Pigs, Cuba in 1961. Subsequently, he founded an investment bank in the US for lending and investment activities in Latin America to Governments, large corporation, and subsidiaries of US & European international companies. Pablo Cartaya is an author of several children's and young adults books and is currently working on a novel about the Bay of Pigs incident. If you weren't able to make it to this event, please take a look at the archives section of our website at [humanities.fiu.edu/archives/](http://humanities.fiu.edu/archives/).

## Multiple Perspectives on Immigration Reform



The Center was also proud to present a panel discussion on immigration reform. This panel looked into recent policy changes made by the White House and discussed how this not only effects the South Florida area but the nation as well. The panel included the Archbishop of Miami Thomas Wenski, reporter Helen Aguirre Ferré, director of the Haitian Neighborhood Center Gepsie Metellus, and Immigration lawyer Dahlia Walker-Huntington.

The panel sparked a captivating discussion amongst the attendees and was recorded for future airing by C-SPAN. The Center hopes to continue to host discussions on topics that not only reflect the South Florida community but are also important across the nation as well. We welcome anyone who would like to see this discussion to access it through the archive section on our website at [humanities.fiu.edu/archives/](http://humanities.fiu.edu/archives/)



# *Pictures from CHUE Spring Events*



Exploring the Choral Music of South America



Teaching Exilic Literature

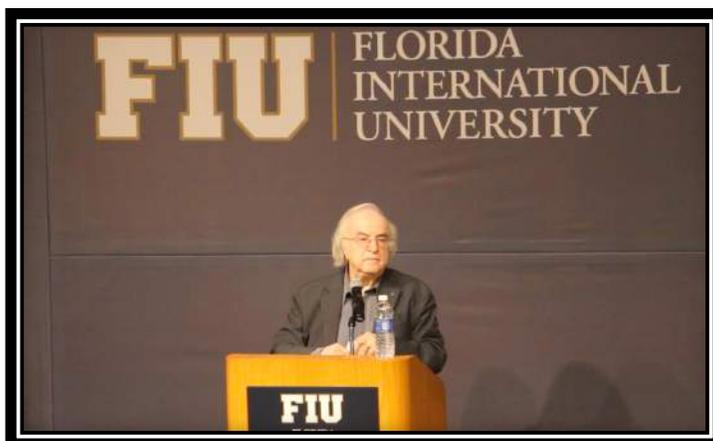


New Voices, New Perspectives



Multiple Perspectives on Immigration Reform

Patronage and the Exile Writer



## What's Next?

This coming semester the Center already has an exciting lineup of events scheduled. Our season begins on with the *The Technical Side of the Theater*. This event will follow a performance of the first play of the FIU Theater season and will discuss the behind the scenes work that goes into staging a play. The Center will then host the second annual *Barton Lecture series on Law and Economics* with Dr. Robert Cruz. Dr. Cruz will discuss the economic impact the Cuban embargo has had on the South Florida community and what it's relaxation will mean.

The Center will then begin to work in conjunction with the STEM institute to have a series of panel discussions that show the relationship between the humanist and scientific thinking. Finally, the center will also be continuing its partnership with the Betsy Hotel with the continuation of the FIU-Betsy Hotel Exile Scholar in Residence Program.

We look forward to having you join us at all our events. For times, locations, and other upcoming events please refer to our website, [Humanities.FIU.edu](http://Humanities.FIU.edu), and Facebook. We hope you have a lovely and relaxing summer.

## Second Annual Barton Lecture Series on Law and Economics



The Center is pleased to announce the speaker for the second annual Barton Lecture series on Law and Economics, Dr. Robert Cruz. Dr. Cruz is the former Chief Economist of Miami-Dade County and the current Chair of the School of Business at Miami Dade College-Kendall Campus. The Barton Lecture series on Law and Economics was made possible by a generous donation by FIU Professor Jose Gabilondo, the lecture series is designed to help the community understand issues related to economic law.

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## Upcoming Center Events

May 13<sup>th</sup>,

Discovering Development and Delight in the Past and Future of the Miami Design District