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Changing Latin America: Opportunities and Challenges for US Policy

Speaker: **Thomas A. Shannon Jr.**

US Ambassador Nominee to Brazil

WHEN: Tuesday, June 30, 2009, 4:00PM

WHERE: The Graduate Center, Elebash Recital Hall
365 Fifth Avenue (@34th Street)

International Symposium

Cuba Futures: Past and Present

WHEN: March 24-26, 2011

WHERE: The Graduate Center

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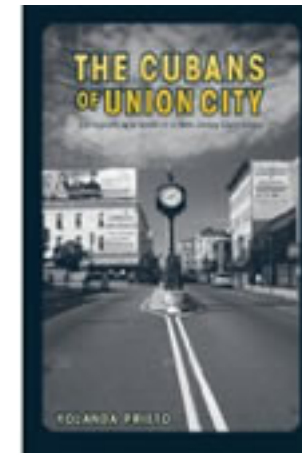
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THE CUBANS OF UNION CITY

IMMIGRANTS AND EXILES IN A NEW JERSEY COMMUNITY



THURSDAY JUNE 25, 2009
4:00 PM

THE GRADUATE CENTER
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

About the Book

As a result of the conflicts between Cuba and the United States, especially after 1959, Cubans emigrated in great numbers. Most stayed in Miami, Florida, but many headed north to Union City, New Jersey, making it the second largest concentration of Cubans in the United States after Dade County, where Miami is located. In *The Cubans of Union City*, Yolanda Prieto discusses why Cubans were drawn to this particular city and how the local economy and organizations developed. Central aspects of this story are the roles of women, religion, political culture, and the fact of exile itself. As a member of this community and a participant in many of its activities, Prieto speaks with special authority about its demographic uniqueness. *The Cubans of Union City* conveys an ongoing research agenda extending over more than twenty years from 1959 to the 1980s.

In this presentation, Professor Prieto will address the main concerns of her latest book: why Cubans have congregated in Union City, New Jersey. She will highlight the development of a Cuban economic enclave between the 1960s and the 1980s, as well as the role of women, religion and exiles. Lastly, she will discuss how a favorable U.S. immigration policy toward Cubans combined with the entrepreneurial characteristics of the group, helped Union City Cubans succeed in their new environment.

About the Author

Yolanda Prieto is Professor Emerita of Sociology in the School of Social Science and Human Services at Ramapo College in Mahwah, New Jersey where she taught courses on the sociology of community, women and development, family and religion. She has written extensively on the Cuban migration to the United States, in particular about the role of women and religion in the migration process. Her most recent work, *The Cubans of Union City: Immigrants and Exiles in a New Jersey Community* (2009) is published by Temple University Press.

The Cubans of Union City

Immigrants and Exiles in a New Jersey Community

PROGRAM

“The Cubans of Union City”

Yolanda Prieto

Professor of Sociology

Ramapo College

Moderator

Mauricio Font

Professor and Director

The Graduate Center and The Bildner Center

Question & Answer Session



Copies of the book are available at a special introductory rate