

Antonio Rafael de la Cova -- Curriculum Vitae

Education:

Ph.D. 1994 [West Virginia University](#)
Morgantown, W.V.
United States History

M.A. 1989 [San Diego State University](#)
San Diego, Ca.
Latin American Studies

B.A. 1975 [Florida Atlantic University](#)
Boca Raton, Fl.
History

Dissertation: "Ambrosio Jose Gonzales: A Cuban Confederate Colonel."
West Virginia University, 1994

Specialization: Manifest Destiny and Southern Expansionism
Hispanics in the United States Civil War
Nineteenth century Cuban immigrants in the southern U.S.
Cuban history

Language Proficiency:

Spanish fluent in speaking, reading and writing
French: reading competence
Portuguese: reading competence

Professional Experience:

- 2011 – 2018 Adjunct, Anthropology
Department of Anthropology
University of South Carolina
Columbia, S.C.
- 2008 -- 2011 Visiting Assistant Professor, History
Department of History
University of North Carolina—Greensboro
Greensboro, North Carolina 27412
- 2003 – 2007 Visiting Assistant Professor, Latino Studies
Latino Studies Program
[Indiana University](#)
Bloomington, Indiana 47405-7005
- 1997 – 2002 Assistant Professor, Latin American Studies
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
[Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology](#)
5500 Wabash Avenue
Terre Haute, Indiana 47803
- 1996 – 1997 Adjunct, Latin American History, Western Civilization
Department of History
[Jacksonville University](#)
Jacksonville, Florida 32211
- 1995 – 1996 Adjunct, Western Civilization
Department of History
[University of North Florida](#)
Jacksonville, Florida 32224-2645
- 1993 – 1994 Lecturer, United States History
Department of History
[West Virginia University](#)
Morgantown, W.V.
- 1990 – 1993 Graduate Teaching Assistant, United States History
Department of History
West Virginia University
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31 courses

taught:

[The African Caribbean](#)
[The African Legacy in the Americas](#)
[African Americans in the Civil War and Reconstruction](#)
Afro Cuban Religion, Music, and Literature
[Ancient Civilizations of Mesoamerica](#)
[Ancient Latin American Civilizations](#)
[Ancient and Colonial Yucatan \(Study Abroad\)](#)
[Caribbean Island Nations](#)
[Contemporary Latin America](#)
[Human Rights in Latin America](#)
[Indigenous Caribbean Archaeology](#)
[Introduction to African American Studies](#)
[Introduction to Latino History](#)
[Introduction to Latino Studies](#)
[Latin America and United States Relations](#)
[Latin America in the Global Context](#)
[Latin America: National Period](#)
[Latino Immigrants in U.S. Society](#)
[Latinos and Other Immigrants](#)
[Mesoamerican Prehistory](#)
[Mexico: Politics, Culture and Society](#)
[Past and Present Mexico \(Study Abroad\)](#)
Prehistoric Civilizations of the New World
[Revolutionary Movements in Latin America](#)
[The Transatlantic Slave Trade](#)
[World History to 1500](#)
[World History Since 1500](#)
[United States History to 1865](#)
United States History 1865 to the present
Western Civilization to 1789
Western Civilization 1789 to the present

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Awards:

2006 Annual Fellowship of the Kentucky Historical Society.
2004 Finalist for the [2004 Peter Seaborg Award for Civil War Scholarship](#)
2004 Honorable Mention, George C. Rogers Award from the South Carolina Historical Society
2003 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, Library Scholars Program grant.
1992 and 1993 Doctoral Student Research Program Award West Virginia University

Grant writing:

1999 U. S. Information Agency. Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence Program for Brazilian economist Dr. Aray Feldens, to implement the Latin American Studies Program.

Books:

Calixto Sanchez Whyte: Cuban Labor Leader and Revolutionary Martyr. Miami: Ediciones Universal, 2018.

Cuba: La Revolución de 1933, el Golpe de Estado de 1952, y la Represión del Comunismo. Memorias del Mayor General Martin Díaz Tamayo. Miami: Ediciones Universal, 2017.

La Guerra Aérea en Cuba en 1958: Memorias del Teniente Carlos Lazo Cuba. Miami: Ediciones Universal, 2017.

Colonel Henry Theodore Titus: Antebellum Soldier of Fortune and Florida Pioneer. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, July 2016.

The Moncada Attack: Birth of the Cuban Revolution. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, June 2007; 2nd. printing, October 2007.

Cuban Confederate Colonel: The Life of Ambrosio Jose Gonzales. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2003; paperback printing, Feb. 5, 2009.

Book chapters:

["El coronel Henry Theodore Titus: Un aventurero en Cuba, Kansas y Nicaragua"](#) in Victor Hugo Acuña Ortega, ed., *Filibusterismo y Destino Manifiesto en las Américas.* San Jose, Costa Rica: Museo Histórico Cultural Juan Santamaría, 2010, pp. 91-102.

["Prologue,"](#) in Jorge Hernandez Fonseca, *e-mails al Comandante.* Belém, Brazil: Editora Belém do Para, 2006, pp.5-7.

["U.S.-Cuba Relations During the Reagan Administration,"](#) in Eric J. Schmertz, Natalie Datlof and Alexej Ugrinsky, eds. *President Reagan and the World.* Conn: Greenwood Press, 1997, pp. 381-391.

Refereed academic journals:

["The Elian Gonzalez Case: The World's Most Watched and Politically-Charged Custody Battle that Reached the U.S. Supreme Court and Determined a Presidential Election,"](#) *Harvard Latino Law Review*, Vol. 18, Spring 2015, pp. 501-549.

[“Samuel J. Kookogey in Bleeding Kansas: ‘A Fearless Vindicator of the Rights of the South.’”](#) in *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains* 35 (Autumn 2012): 146–63.

[“Cuban Exiles in Key West During the Ten Years' War 1868-1878,”](#) *Florida Historical Quarterly*. Vol. 89, No. 3 (Winter 2011), pp. 287-319.

[”The Kentucky Regiment that Invaded Cuba in 1850,”](#) *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Vol. 105, No. 4 (Autumn 2007), 571-615.

[“Fernandina Filibuster Fiasco: Birth of the 1895 Cuban War of Independence,”](#) *Florida Historical Quarterly*. Summer 2003, pp. 16-42.

["The Taylor Administration Versus Mississippi Sovereignty: The Round Island Expedition of 1849,"](#)*The Journal of Mississippi History*. Winter 2000, pp. 1-33.

["Filibusters and Freemasons: The Sworn Obligation,"](#) *Journal of the Early Republic*, Spring 1997, pp. 89-114.

["Cuban Filibustering in Jacksonville in 1851,"](#) *Northeast Florida History Journal*, Vol. 3, 1996, pp. 17-34.

Encyclopedias:

["Elian Gonzalez case \(1999\)."](#) *Encyclopedia of American Immigration*, edited by Carl L. Bankston III. Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 2010, pp. 427-429.

[“Mariel Boatlift.”](#) In *The Eighties in America*, edited by Tracy Irons-Georges. Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 2008, 618-620.

[“Mexican War.”](#) In vol. 7 of *Exploring American History: From Colonial Times to 1877*, edited by Tom Lansford and Thomas E. Woods Jr. Tarrytown, NY: Marshall Cavendish, 2008, pp. 691-696.

[“Zapotecs Build Monte Alban.”](#) In vol. 1, *Great Events from History: The Ancient World Prehistory -- 476 c.e.*, edited by Mark W. Chavalas. Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 2004, pp. 422-424.

[“Bay of Pigs Invasion \(April 17-19, 1961\).”](#) In *Encyclopedia of North American History*, edited by John C. Super. Tarrytown, NY: Marshall Cavendish, 1999, p. 122.

[“Cuban Refugee Program \(1961-1981\).”](#) In *The Latino Encyclopedia*, edited by Richard Chabran and Rafael Chabran. Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 1996, pp. 424-426.

Book reviews:

[Review of Scott W. Carmichael's *True Believer: Inside the Investigation and Capture of Ana Montes, Cuba's Master Spy*](#) (Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2007), *History: Reviews of New Books*, Spring 2007, vol. 335, no. 3, 106.

[Review of Carmelo Mesa-Lago and Jorge Pérez-López's, *Cuba's Aborted Reform: Socioeconomic Effects, International Comparisons, and Transition Policies*](#) (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2005), *Hispanic American Historical Review*, February 2007, vol. 87, no. 1, 191-92.

[Review of Peter Pavia's *The Cuba Project: Castro, Kennedy, and the FBI's Tamale Squad*](#) (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006), *History: Reviews of New Books*, Summer 2006, vol. 34, no. 4, 135.

[Review of Anthony DePalma's *The Man Who Invented Fidel: Castro, Cuba, and Herbert L. Matthews of the New York Times*](#) (New York: Public Affairs Press, 2006), *Cuban Affairs*, July 2006, Vol. 1, No. 3.

[Review of John Lawrence Tone's *War and Genocide in Cuba, 1895-1898*](#) (Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2005), *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Spring 2006, Vol. 104, No. 2, 336-38.

[Review of Amy S. Greenberg's, *Manifest Manhood and the Antebellum American Empire*](#) (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005), *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* (Autumn 2005, Vol. 103, No. 4, 789-90).

[Review of Rodrigo Lazo's *Writing to Cuba: Filibustering and Cuban Exiles in the United States*](#) (Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2005) H-Net, (October 2005).

[Review of Julia E. Sweig's *Inside the Cuban Revolution*](#) (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2002), *The Florida Historical Quarterly* (Winter 2004, Vol. 82, No. 3, 406-08).

[Review of Robert E. May's *Manifest Destiny's Underworld: Filibustering in Antebellum America*](#). (Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2002), and Joseph A. Stout, Jr.'s *Schemers & Dreamers: Filibustering in Mexico 1848-1921*. (Fort Worth: Texas Christian University Press, 2002), in *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Spring 2003, 221-25.

[Review of David Healy's *James G. Blaine and Latin America*](#) (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2001), *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Winter 2002, 86-88.

[Review of Louis A. Perez, Jr.'s *The War of 1898: The United States and Cuba in History and Historiography*](#) (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1998), *The Florida Historical Quarterly*, Fall 1999, pp. 253-255.

[Review of Tom Chaffin's *Fatal Glory: Narciso Lopez and the First Clandestine U.S. War Against Cuba*](#) (Charlottesville and London: University Press of Virginia, 1996), *The Florida Historical Quarterly*, Summer 1997, pp. 88-90.

Conference papers:

Latinos Impacting Future Trends Conference. The Spanish American Latino Student Association. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Presentation: "Latinos in Education." April 4, 2009.

International Week Championing Human Rights. The University of Texas-Pan American. Edinburg, Texas. November 19, 2008. Presentation: "Human Rights in Cuba," and moderator of the session "The Cuban Transition Process."

[Simposio Internacional Filibusterismo y Destino Manifiesto en las Américas](#). Mayo 2-4, 2007. Centro de Investigaciones Históricas de América Central (CIHAC), Universidad de Costa Rica, Sede Guanacaste, Liberia. Presentación: "Coronel Henry Titus: Un aventurero en Cuba, Kansas y Nicaragua."

Editorial Advisory Committee. [International Conference on Caribbean Studies](#), Nov. 2-5, 2006. South Padre Island, Texas. University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, Texas.

[Ohio Valley History Conference](#). Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond. October 23-25, 2003. Paper presented: "The Kentucky Regiment that Invaded Cuba in 1850," in the session "War, Politics, and Nationalism in Latin America."

[Florida Historical Society](#). University of Florida, Gainesville. May 21-24, 2003. Paper presented: "Colonel Henry Theodore Titus: The Soldier of Fortune who Founded Titusville, Florida," in the session "Nineteenth-Century Florida Town Founders."

[2003 "Bleeding Kansas" Program Series](#), Constitution Hall, Kansas State Historical Society, Lecompton. March 9, 2003. Paper presented: "Samuel J. Kookogey: A Cuban filibuster leader in Bleeding Kansas."

[Florida Conference of Historians](#). Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Florida. Feb. 27-March 1, 2003. Paper presented: "Comandante William Morgan: Cuban Rebel With a Cause."

[North Central Council of Latin Americanists](#). University of Wisconsin, Platteville. Oct. 10-12, 2002. Paper presented: "The Fernandez Cavada Brothers: Cubans Fighting for the Union," in the session "History of the 19th Century."

[The Southern Historical Association](#). Fort Worth, Texas. November 3-6, 1999. Paper presented: "The Moncada Attack: Origin of the Cuban Revolution," in session 48 "Revolution and Independence in Modern Latin America and the Caribbean."

[The Spanish-American War: A Centennial Observance](#). The Florida Historical Society. Tampa, Florida. May 30, 1998. Paper presented: "Fernandina Filibuster Fiasco: Jose Marti's 1895 Cuban Expedition," in session 11 "The Atlantic Connection: Filibustering, the Yellow Press and Revolutionary Cuba, 1895-1898."

[Kansas State Historical Society](#). Bleeding Kansas: A series of talks on the violent conflict over the slavery issue in Kansas Territory 1854 through 1861. Constitution Hall State Historic Site, Lecompton, Kansas. March 1, 1998. Paper presented: "Colonel Henry Titus and the Kansas Filibuster Expedition."

[The Florida Conference of Historians](#). Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Florida. February 27 - March 1, 1997. Paper presented: "Colonel Henry Theodore Titus: A Florida Filibuster in Cuba, Kansas and Nicaragua," in the session "Florida Before and During the Civil War."

[Society for Historians of the Early American Republic](#). Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. July 18-21, 1996. Paper presented: "A Forgotten Filibuster Feud: The Round Island Expedition of 1849," in the session "Manifest Designs and Many Destinies: American Expansion, 1848-1850."

[The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations](#). United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. June 21-24, 1995. Paper presented: "Filibusters and Freemasons: The Secret Agenda," in the session "Manifest Destinies: Three Scenes of Antebellum Expansion."

[Ninth Presidential Conference, Ronald Reagan: The Fortieth Presidency](#). Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York. April 22-24, 1993. Paper presented: "U.S.-Cuba Relations During the Reagan Administration" in the session "Latin America."

Interviews and presentations in the news media:

Interviewed by Pedro Corzo for "Puntos de Vista," Radio Marti, Miami, FL, July 25, 26 and 27, 2018.

Interviewed on "Cuba dentro y fuera" Noticiero Univision TV, Miami, FL, July 26, 2010.

Interviewed on "Maria Elvira Live," WSBS-MEGA TV, Channel 22, Miami, Fla., June 4, 2009.

Interviewed by Alina Fernández on Radio WQBA 1140 AM, Miami, FL, July 20, 2009.

Interviewed on Mesa Redonda Program, Radio Mambi, WAQI 710 AM, Miami, FL, March 10, 2009.

Interviewed on "Maria Elvira Live," WSBS-MEGA TV, Channel 22, Miami, FL, November 21, 2008.

Interviewed by Jay Martinez on "Magazine Cubano," Noti Uno Radio 630 AM, San Juan,

Puerto Rico, January 27, 2008.

Interviewed by Ninoska Pérez Castellón on “Última Palabra,” GENTV, Miami, FL., July 26, 2007.

Interviewed by Oscar Haza on “A Mano Limpia” Channel 41, Miami, FL., July 25, 2007.

Book presentation “The Moncada Attack: Birth of the Cuban Revolution,” C-Span2 BookTV, Sept. 8 and 9, 2007.

Interviewed by Ileana Varela, Channel CBS4, Miami, FL., July 25, 2007.

Interviewed by Ambrosio Hernández on “Detrás de la Noticia,” Telemundo 51 TV, July 21, 2007.

Interviewed on Mesa Redonda Program, Radio Mambi, WAQI 710 AM, Miami, FL, July 20, 2007.

Interviewed by Luis Conte Agüero, Channel 41, Miami, FL, July 18, 2007.

Interviewed by Alina Fernández on Radio WQBA 1140 AM, Miami, FL, Oct. 3, 2006.

Commentator on “Contrapunto a las Cuatro” by Paul Crespo and Daniel Alvarez on Radio WQBA 1140 AM, Miami, FL, September 26, 2006.

Interviewed by Alina Fernández on Radio WQBA 1140 AM, Miami, FL, Sept. 14, 2006.

Commentator on “National Security” for the Paul Crespo program on Radio WQBA 1140AM, Miami, FL, April 3, 2006.

Interviewed by Salvador Lew, WRHC Radio, Miami, FL, January 3, 2006.

Interviewed by Ninoska Pérez Castellón for Radio Mambi, WAQI 710 AM, Miami, FL, March 18, 2005.

"Cubans in the U.S. in the Nineteenth Century." for the Radio Mambi WAQI 710 AM Mesa Redonda Program, Miami, FL, March 15, 2005.

Panelist on "The Cuban Missile Crisis" on the televised program "Maria Elvira Confronta," WDLP TV, Channel 22, Miami, FL, October 23, 2004.

Panelist on "The Cuban Revolution" on the televised program "Maria Elvira Confronta," WDLP TV, Channel 22, Miami Florida, July 26, 2004.

Interviewed by Pedro Corzo for Radio Marti, U. S. Information Agency, July 26, 2004.

Interviewed in Miami, FL, "Lo que otros no dicen" program at "La Poderosa" Radio WWFE 670 AM, June 9, 2004.

Interviewed in Miami, FL, by Tomas Regalado in Channel 41 TeleMiami, June 8, 2004.

Interviewed in Miami, Florida, by Maria Elena Salinas for the Univision TV program "Aqui y Ahora," April 22, 2004.

Interviewed in Columbus, Georgia, for the PBS program "History Detectives," April 20, 2004.

"Jose Marti in New York City in the 1890s" for the Radio Mambi WAQI 710 AM Mesa Redonda Program, Miami, Florida, February 13, 2004.

Invited Presentations:

Latin American Studies Program. Walker Institute, University of South Carolina, Columbia. "Latinos in the American Civil War." March 20, 2013.

Center for the Documentary at the College of Charleston. Charleston, S.C. "In Search of Ambrosio Gonzales: Soldier Under Two Flags." Film premiere and book signing. Oct. 7, 2009.

Office of Multicultural Affairs. Contemporary Issues Forum. University of North Carolina-Greensboro. "Immigration Reform." Sept. 22, 2009.

Bryan School of Business and Economics. University of North Carolina-Greensboro. "America in the Global Economy." Great Decisions series sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association. "Cuba After Castro." April 30, 2009.

The History Club, International Global Studies, Russian Studies and the Lloyd International Honors College, University of North Carolina-Greensboro. Governments Shrouded in Mystery: Cuba, China and Russia. "Cuba: Myth and Reality." April 16, 2009.

Guest panelist. Inclusive Community Initiative Task Force Panel. Provost Office and Faculty Senate, "Barriers to Inclusivity in the UNCG Campus." Feb. 20, 2009.

Miami Book Fair International, Florida Center for the Literary Arts at Miami Dade College, "The Moncada Attack: Birth of the Cuban Revolution," Nov. 16, 2008.

Student Anthropological Society, University of North Carolina-Greensboro, "Travels in Mesoamerica: A Tour of the Ancient Mexican Heartland," Nov. 14, 2008.

The History Club. University of North Carolina-Greensboro, "Cubans in Blue and Grey," Nov. 6, 2008.

Food for Thought. University of North Carolina-Greensboro, "Latinos and the 2008 Elections," October 15, 2008.

Spanish-American Latino Students Organization (SALSA), University of North Carolina-Greensboro, "Diversity Among Hispanics," October 7, 2008.

Lectorum and Cuban Cultural Center of New York, New York City. "[The Moncada Attack: Birth of the Cuban Revolution](#)," October 19, 2007.

Museo Histórico Cultural Juan Santamaría, Ministerio de Cultura, Juventud y Deportes, Alajuela, Costa Rica. "[El Filibusterismo en Cuba](#)," May 10, 2007.

The Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, Ky. "[Kentuckians in the Cuban Filibuster Movement 1849-51](#)," September 29, 2006.

Spring Readings on Race Series. ONE IU Student Organization. "[From Spaniard and Albina, Look the Other Way](#)." April 28, 2005.

The Sixth Annual IUPUI Symposium Highlighting the Research of Faculty, Staff, and Students of Color. Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis. "[Latinos in the U.S. Civil War](#)." April 15, 2005.

Latinos Unidos of Indiana University and La Casa, Indiana University, Bloomington. "Dia de los Muertos." November 2, 2004.

The Program in Latino Studies and La Casa, Indiana University, Bloomington. [Latinos and the Presidential Election](#). October 27, 2004.

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies and La Casa, Indiana University, Bloomington. "Latino Faculty Discussion Regarding Their Latest Book." October 15, 2004.

Latino Alumni Association. Mathers Museum of World Cultures, Indiana University, Bloomington. "A Professor's Journey: From Child Refugee to Living Daily in Three Cultures." October 9, 2004.

Panelist on "[Minority Perspectives on Voting](#)." Black Cultural Center, Indiana University, Bloomington. September 22, 2004.

["Cuban Confederate Colonel"](#). Beaufort County Historical Society, Beaufort, South Carolina, June 22, 2004.

["Coronel cubano confederado"](#). Koubek Memorial Center of the University of Miami.

Miami, Florida. June 3, 2004.

["Cuban Confederate Colonel."](#) Cuban Heritage Collection of the University of Miami Library. Miami, Florida. January 22, 2004.

The Program in Latino Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington. October 22, 2003.
["Meso-American Images: A Perspective on Pre-Columbian Artifacts."](#)

"Cuban Confederate Colonel." [Camp Tippecanoe Civil War Round Table](#). September 9, 2003. Lafayette, Indiana.

The Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington. April 16, 2003. ["Hispanics in the American Civil War."](#)

The Spanish Club. Rose-Hulman Institute, Terre Haute. March 28, 2000. [Maya Route 2000](#).

Hispanic Heritage Celebration. Indiana State University, Terre Haute. October 27, 1999. Moderator: ["International Hispanic Student Round Table."](#)

Multi-Cultural Committee of the Student Union Board. Indiana State University, Terre Haute. October 19, 1999. Presentation: ["U.S.-Cuba Relations: 40 Years of Conflict."](#)

The Office of Latino Affairs. Latino Cultural Center/La Casa. Indiana University, Bloomington. February 23, 1999. Presentation: ["Recent Travels in Maya Land."](#)

Hispanic Heritage Celebration. Indiana State University, Terre Haute. October 23, 1998. Changing Images of America. ¿De Donde?: A Latino Dialogue. Presentation: ["Diaspora Cultural Influences: Yucatan/Mayan/Olmec/Aztec."](#)

Best Assessment Processes in Engineering Education II: A Working Symposium. Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute. October 16-17, 1998. Pre-Symposium Activities: ["Applications of the Rose-Hulman Educational Technologies Working Group."](#)

The Anthropology Club of Indiana State University, Terre Haute. March 4, 1998. Presentation: ["The Maya Route."](#)

Hispanic Student Association and the President's Commission on Ethnic Diversity. Indiana State University, Terre Haute. September 17, 1997. Presentation: ["Hispanics in America's Defense."](#)