

## **Boston University Spring Break Course to Cuba 2018**

### **Experiencing Cuba: History, Culture and Politics**

**CAS AA 306 E, CAS HI 395 E, CAS IR 246 E**

Led by Professors Linda Heywood, Michael Birenbaum Quintero, and John Thornton  
Sponsored by the African American Studies Program, Elie Wiesel Center for Jewish Studies,  
College of Arts and Sciences

Dates: March 3-10, 2018

Hotel Sevilla: Trocadero No. 55, Old Havana, Cuba

#### Required Readings:

1. Erwan Dianteill, Deterritorialization...Orisha Religion...Africa, New World.”
2. Heriberto Dixon, “The Cuban American Counterpoint: Black Cubans in the United States.”
3. Ned Sublette, “The Kingsmen and the Cha Cha Chá” in Eric Weisbard, *Again Listen: A Momentary History of Pop Music* (2017).
4. Dewayne Wickham, “Afro-Cuban Issues Must be Part of the Dialogue in Cuba” *The Root*.  
March 3, 2016. <https://www.theroot.com/afro-cuban-issues-must-be-part-of-the-dialogue-in-cuba-1790854691>

#### Course of Study

##### **Saturday, March 3:**

- 02:00 pm Arrivals to Havana  
City tour by bus in Habana Moderna. Brief stop at Plaza de la Revolución
- 03:00 pm Accommodation at Hotel Sevilla
- 04:00 pm Informational briefing about the program with the guide
- 07:00 pm Welcome dinner at Café Laurent

##### **Sunday, March 4:**

###### **BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL**

- 09:00 am Professor John Thornton will give a lecture on “Afro-Cuban Religion in Cuban History and Society”
- 11:00 am Visit to Casa de Africa with a musical performance
- 12:00 pm Lunch at La Casa
- 02:00 pm Meeting with UNEAC members – National Union of Writers and Artists in Cuba (possibly meeting with members who have traveled to the U.S. or worked with American writers and artists.
- 04:00 pm Return to hotel  
Dinner on your own  
Optional Cultural Activities

##### **Monday, March 5:**

###### **BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL**

- 09:00 am Presentation of healthcare in Cuba. Visit a polyclinic and exchange with doctors and nurses
- 11:30 am Visit the Latin American Medical School and interchange with students and professors, especially anyone who was involved in the disaster relief during the Hurricane
- 12:00 pm Lunch at La Torre
- 02:00 pm Visit Casa de las Américas (Meeting with the Program of Studies on cultures in America)
- 03:30 pm Visit ICAP and the representatives to discuss US-Cuba Relations
- 04:30 pm Return to hotel

Dinner on your own  
Optional Cultural Activities

**Tuesday, March 6:**

BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL

- 09:00 am Professor Linda Heywood will lecture on “US impact on Race and Identity in Cuba Since 1898”
- 10:00 am Exchange with Gloria Rolando with presentation of her film in Templete’s reception room.
- 12:00 pm Lunch at Templete
- 02:00 pm Meet with combatants that participated in the war against apartheid in Africa.
- 04:30 pm Return to hotel  
Dinner on your own  
Optional Cultural Activities

**Wednesday, March 7:**

BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL

- 09:00 am Tour of the University of Havana Campus
- 10:00 am Visit the Archaeology-Anthropological Museum of The University of Havana, to understand ancient and contemporary cultures in Cuba.
- 11:30 am Professor Maria de los Angeles Pereira will host students as they visit the University of Havana to learn about Cuban artistic practices in the last 25 years and education on the island/Meeting Room included.
- 01:00 pm Lunch at Casona de 17
- 03:00 pm Lecture from Beatrice Marcheco Teruel, MD, Ph.D. Professor and Senior Research, National Center of Medical Genetics, Genetic Epidemiology, Cuba and Dr. Amanda Thornton, MD Infectious Disease Fellow, Boston Medical Center in the Reception Room in Casona de 17
- 04:30 pm Return to hotel  
Dinner on your own  
Optional Cultural Activity

**Thursday, March 8:**

BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL

- 9:00 am TBA
- 12:00 pm Lunch at Paladar King Bar
- 02:00 pm Guided visit to the Colón cemetery, which houses the remains of the leaders of the war of Angola.
- 03:30 pm Visit the Museum of Fine Arts  
Dinner on your own  
Optional Cultural Activity

**Friday, March 9:**

BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL

- 09:00 am Professor Michael Birenbaum Quintero will give a lecture on “More than Novelty: Cuban Music in US Popular Music, 1930-1959”
- 10:00 am Visit Museo de la Revolución
- 01:30 pm Lunch at Tocaroro
- 02:00 pm Free afternoon
- 07:30 pm Farewell dinner at Melen Club

**Saturday, March 10:**

BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL

- 09:30 am Check out
- Afternoon Departures