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SIGHTS, SOUNDS, AND SILENCES:  
NAVEGANDO LA CUBA ACTUAL E  
HISTÓRICA



14<sup>TH</sup> UC-CUBA  
GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 8, 2024

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## SIGHTS, SOUNDS, AND SILENCES: NAVEGANDO LA CUBA ACTUAL E HISTÓRICA

**9:00a.m. Breakfast**

**9:40a.m. Opening Invocation**

*Anita Casavantes Bradford*

**9:45a.m. Welcome Remarks**

*Tom McEnaney and Kyle Jackson*

**10:00a.m. Battle Grounds: Mountains, Maroon Warfare and Environmental Knowledge in Nineteenth-Century Western Cuba**

*Adrián Bermúdez Pérez | History*

**10:30a.m. Visualizing Place: The Concept of a Cuba in Postcards, 1900s – 1930s**

*Mandie Nuanes | History*

**Discussant: Emilio Bejel**

**11:00a.m. Break**

**11:15a.m. A Concrete Precursor: Tracing Nicolás Guillén and his Poetry across Mid-twentieth Century Cuba and Brazil**

*Lydia Millhon | Spanish & Portuguese*

**11:45a.m. Montejo's Honeyed Voice: What the Ancient Phonograph Hears in Barnet's Testimonio Form**

*Andrew Edwards | Spanish & Portuguese*

**Discussant: Sara Kozameh**

**12:15p.m. Lunch**

**1:15p.m. - 1:45p.m. Graduate Student Networking**

**1:45p.m. Equal Children in the Revolution: Illegitimacy and Socialism Chile and Cuba (1970-1976)**

*Camila Sanhueza | History*

**2:15p.m. Los apagones: Reflexiones por Video**

*Isabel James | Geography*

**Discussant: Robin Derby**

**2:45p.m. Break**

**3:00p.m. Update on UC-Cuba Initiative**

*Raúl Fernández*

**3:30p.m. Roundtable: Pursuing Research in Cuba**

*Nancy Burke and Lydia Millhon*

**4:00p.m. Film Presentation: "El Sabroso"**

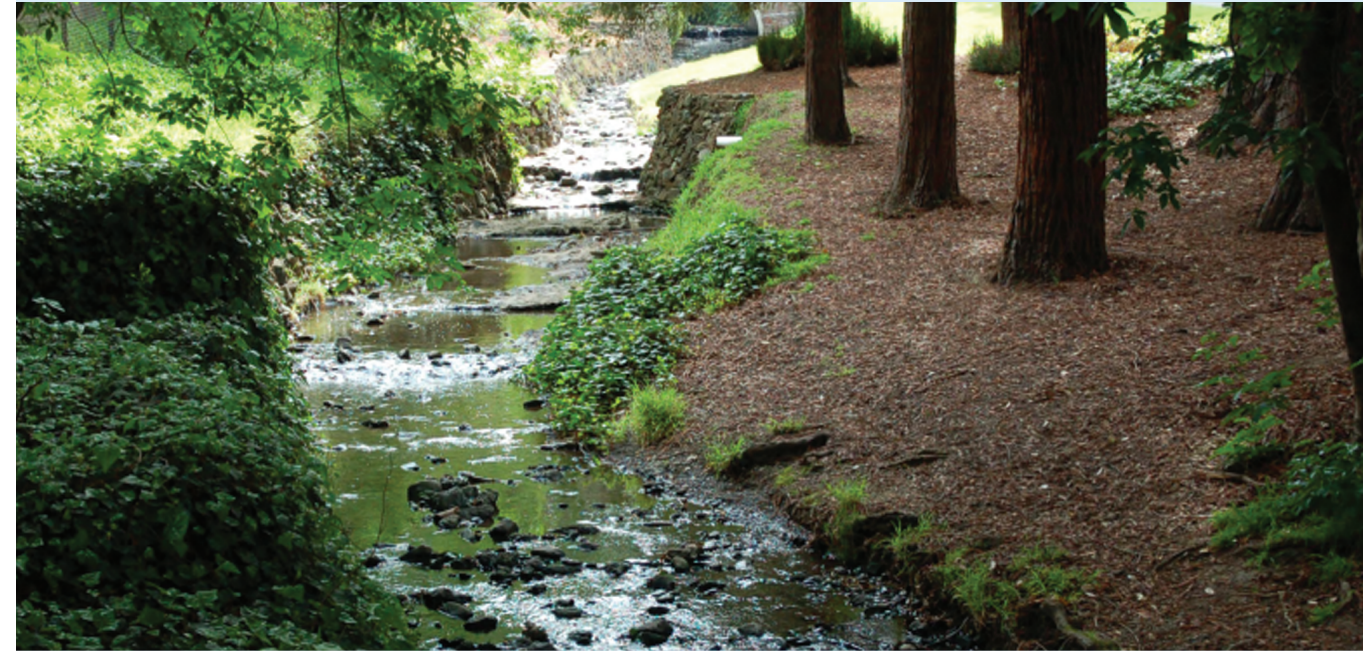
*Pierpaolo Polzonetti*

**5:00 p.m. Closing Remarks**

*Monika Gosin*

**Commentators at Large:**

*Allison Baker, Laura Barber, Nancy Burke, Ahmed Correa, Raul Fernandez, Monika Gosin, Charlie Hankin, Kyle Jackson, Tom McEnaney, Amalia Perez Martin, Pierpaolo Polzonetti, Mira Wasserman.*



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