

**You and your guest are invited to the
opening reception of the exhibit**

**“CUBA: Past, Present and Future
– Exhibit of Rarities”**

Sunday, January 11, 2009

4:00 - 7:00

Smathers Library (East)

Featuring the Panel: “Lessons of 1959”

José Alvarez

**Professor Emeritus of Food and Resource Economics
University of Florida**

Lisandro Pérez

**Professor of Sociology
Florida International University**

Carmen Diana Deere

**Director, Center for Latin American Studies
University of Florida (moderator)**

The University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries will exhibit rare books, manuscripts, maps, photographs and other items from over 200 years of Cuban history and culture. These include early imprints on Cuba’s colonial past, efforts for self-governance, slavery, nationalism, foreign investment, crime, women’s rights, spirituality, popular culture and human rights.

Special attention will be given to twentieth century political movements and upheavals. January 2009 marks the 50th anniversary of Fidel Castro’s revolution, and the far reaching impacts of those events and their lasting changes on Cuba, Florida and the world will be examined.

Exhibit open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon-Thurs and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri

