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Cuba and the United States: Neither Friend or Foe

We are pleased that **Dr. Frank Argote-Freyre**, noted author, activist, journalist, and Professor is returning for yet another insightful presentation. In 2015, Dr. Argote-Freyre addressed the topic "U.S. -Cuba Relations: Will this Thaw Continue?"

On September 12 his topic will be "Cuba and the United States: Neither Friend nor Foe" in which he reviews the latest zigs and zags in the complex relationship between U.S. and Cuba. A central topic of discussion will be the impact of President Trump on the delicate state of affairs between Cuba and the United States.

Argote-Freyre received his Ph.D in Latin American History with a minor in World History from Rutgers University in 2004. From 1995 to 2005, he served as Adjunct Professor at Rutgers University, teaching courses on modern and colonial Latin American History, including courses on Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and the Spanish Caribbean.

Since September 2005, he serves as Assistant Professor at Kean University, teaching a wide range of Latin American history and Latino Studies courses and is in the process of reinvigorating the Latin American history program. He recently taught courses on History of Cuba, History of the Caribbean, History of Brazil, History of Mexico, Latinos in the United States, Modern Latin America and Colonial Latin America. He is currently developing courses on Mexican history, race in Latin America, and revolution and democracy in Latin America.

His first book, *Fulgencio Batista: From Revolutionary to Strongman* was published in 2006. *Choice Magazine* selected his work as an Outstanding Book of the Year for 2007. His second book, *A Brief History of the Caribbean*, co-authored with Danilo Figueredo, was published in 2008. He is assistant editor of the *Encyclopedia of Cuba (2003)*. He served as a Contributor to *Encyclopedia of Caribbean Literature* published in 2005. He also served as a Contributor to *World Book Encyclopedia* 2007-2010.

In addition to his books, Dr. Argote-Freyre is a Peer Reviewer for the Oxford University Press and has written numerous articles and book reviews on Cuba. He is involved in many social causes, including the struggle for immigrant rights and social justice. He serves as Chair of the New Jersey Commission on New Americans and is the President of the Latino Action Network and Director of the Latino Coalition.



All Membership Renewals are Due

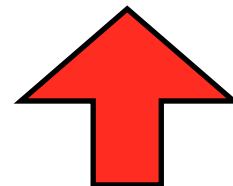
(Except for *new* members joining in March 2017 or later - their membership includes the 2017-2018 program year)

Membership dues are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Dues are payable in September of each program year.

See the attached flyer.

Institutional/Corporate -- \$1,000, Sustaining -- \$500 Sponsoring -- \$250, Supporting -- \$100, General -- \$50, Student -- \$10. Send check payable to WACCI to P.O. Box 2233, Springfield, IL 62705.

Membership fees are the only source of funding for most WACCI programs. Occasional programs are jointly sponsored by UIS or other community organizations.



Upcoming WACCI Meetings

October 4, 2017

Victor Cha
Asian Studies, Georgetown University

November 9, 2017

Duncan Wood
Director of Mexico Institute, Wilson Center

December 4, 2017

Steven Livingston
Professor of Media and Public Affairs and
International Affairs, George Washington
University

More Meetings To Be Announced !

Institutional & Corporate Members \$1,000

University of Illinois at Spfld.
Lincoln Land Comm. College
SIU School of Medicine

Sustaining Members \$500

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Members as of April 1, 2017

Membership dues for the program year are payable each September except for new members joining in March 2017 - their membership includes the 2017-2018 program year.

See included member renewal form.

To all WACCI members: Thank you for your support!

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Dr. Frank Argote-Freyre

Professor of Latin American History

Cuba and the United States: Neither Friend or Foe

Dr. Frank Argote-Freyre reviews the latest zigs and zags in the complex relationship between the two nations. A central topic of discussion will be the impact of President Trump on the delicate state of affairs between Cuba and the United States. Does Trump's election usher in a new era of hostility or will the gradual thawing continue?

Dinner: U of I Springfield PAC Rooms C/D; **Program:** PAC Rooms C/D

Reception 5:30 p.m.; **Dinner** 6:15 p.m.; **Program** 7:30 p.m.

The program is open to the public and is free. See below for dinner costs.

MENU

SALAD: Warm Mango Slaw
Havana Roasted Corn And Seafood Chowder
ENTREE: Grilled Chicken And Chorizo With Black Beans, Okra, Over Rice
DESSERT: Brazo Gitano-Sweet Cake, Strawberry Filling, Rum Sauce, Almonds
Bread/Beverages

Reservations are required for dinner and must be prepaid and received on or before **September 5th**. There is no guarantee of seating beyond that date. For the *possibility* of late reservations, contact Michael Plog, 217-793-2509 or mbplog@comcast.net, to determine whether seating is available.

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Please detach and mail

Name _____ Phone # _____

Per meal cost: ____Members \$30 ____Non-Members \$35

____ Number of vegetarian meals requested ____Number of gluten-free meals requested

Total enclosed \$ _____ No. Attending _____

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Dear Supporter

Fall is the time for renewing your membership with the World Affairs Council of Central Illinois. We hope you have enjoyed our presentations over the years and will continue to support the organization through your membership, attendance, and, if you are interested, volunteering. Our program year will kick off September 12 with Frank Argote-Freyre speaking about immigration policy and will continue with other interesting speakers. We continue to promote our website(www.mywacci.org) and our Facebook page where you can find information about WACCI and upcoming programs.

The World Affairs Council of Central Illinois serves the community in three major ways:

- WACCI Speaker Series – Recognized experts are invited to speak about critical issues from a variety of backgrounds and viewpoints
- Great Decisions - A public lecture and discussion series gives members an opportunity to actively engage in dialogue about pressing foreign policy issues that confront our nation
- Student Sponsorship - Young adults are encouraged and provided sponsorships to attend our dinner meetings and participate in our programs

The World Affairs Council of Central Illinois is committed to growing our membership to ensure the continuation of top-level speakers. We hope you will invite your friends and neighbors to attend a dinner and presentation and encourage them to explore membership, too. We ask you to also consider upgrading your membership to a higher level. Business owners and Institution Executives are also invited to consider becoming an Institution/Corporate member.

Thank you for your past support of the World Affairs Council of Central Illinois. We hope you agree that your annual membership is meaningful as well as worthwhile. Please return the completed membership form along with a check made payable to WACCI, to our address at WACCI, Box 2233, Springfield, IL 62705. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at 217-741-6398.

We look forward to seeing you at WACCI functions.

Sincerely,
Art Meyer, President
WACCI Board of Directors



2017 - 2018 Membership Application

Membership payments for the current program year are due **now!**

Memberships include household members. Payments cover twelve months beginning in September each year and are due early each fall. Remember, WACCI membership is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number (s): _____

Email Address: _____

WACCI will continue to mail the newsletter, *Communiqué*, at this time. In addition, some people may want an e-mail version. If so, please check here:

Please e-mail the WACCI *Communiqué* to me.

Please indicate your membership level:

Institution / Corporate Member* - \$1000

Sustaining Member* - \$500

Sponsoring Member* - \$250

Supporting Member* - \$100

General Member - \$50

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*At these membership levels, your name will be listed monthly in the *Communiqué*.

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I would like to serve on a committee

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