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Cal Poly Continuing Education Offers Insight into Cuba in New "Cuban Renaissance" Course

San Luis Obispo -- Though only a short geographical distance from the United States, Cuba is almost a complete mystery since it has been off limits to most Americans for more than 40 years. In that time, Cuba has evolved quite independently of U.S. influence. Its unique cultural, political and religious history, are the subject a five- session course being offered this winter through Cal Poly Continuing Education (CPCE).

The course, "Cuban Renaissance," will meet Wednesdays from January 28 through February 25 from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. Each of the five sessions will focus on key topics, which are distinctive to Cuba. A number of Cal Poly faculty members, from various departments, will lecture on their specific area of expertise that relates to Cuba.

Session one, taught by James Keese, Ph. D, Kevin Fagan, Ph. D, will focus on elements of Cuban culture. Lecturers will present a slideshow and observations from recent trips to Cuba. Session two, led by Norman Mendel, Ph. D, will identify current religious issues that are specific to the country. For the third session, Craig Arceneauz, Ph. D will provide background information about Cuban political development, contemporary US-Cuban relations, and the challenges facing the country since the fall of the Soviet Union. The fourth session, with William Martinez, Ph. D, will discuss the portrayal of Cubans throughout American literature, music, and film. Ana Hartig-Ferrer, Ph. D will teach the fifth session, which will focus on Cuban art and dance from the past 200 years.

For more information on this or any other courses offered by CPCE, please visit www.continuing-ed.calpoly.edu or call 756-2053.

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