

Richard Denis

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Career Profile

Dedicated and experienced university professor and public historian with over four years experience in teaching World, U.S., and Latin American and Caribbean History. Currently a PhD Candidate in Atlantic History at Florida International University, expected to defend dissertation in March 2024. Master's graduate from the University of Florida specializing in Latin American and Caribbean history, international relations and political science. Also highly experienced as a results-driven professional with increased leadership skills and abilities in archival research, museum studies, public history, digital history, public relations and outreach, communications, management, relationship management, and sales & advertising. Accomplishments-navigate controversies. Incorporate duties part. experience working through all points of view Proven ability for policy research and development coupled with a background in conceptual organization, critical thinking, project management, as well as public speaking, sales and marketing.

Education

Ph.D. Candidate in Atlantic History, GPA: 4.00

Florida International University, Miami, FL

- Began Fall 2018; Expected Graduation, Summer 2024
- Dissertation Advisor: Michael Bustamante

M.A. in Latin American Studies (2016) GPA: 4.00

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

- Thesis: "Una Revista al Servicio de la Nación: *Bohemia* and the Evolution of Cuban Journalism, 1908-1960"
- Thesis Advisor: Lillian Guerra (chair)
- Concentration on Latin American and Caribbean history (Cuba)

B.A. in International Relations/Political Science-Summa Cum Laude (2013) GPA: 4.00

Florida International University, Miami, FL

- Concentration on Intelligence Methodology, National Security Studies, Latin American/Caribbean Studies
- Certificate in National Security Studies, The Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy
- Certificate in Cuban Studies, Cuban Research Institute
- Requirements met while working 40 plus hours per week as an advertising account executive

Relevant Work Experience

University of Miami

Jan. 2023-Present

Adjunct Professor

Instruct life-long learners for UM's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

- Create lesson plans and plan curriculum, emphasizing diverse texts and materials
- Recruitment and retention of students

National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution
Paid Internship

Jan. 2022-May 2022

- Supported object research for an exhibition on the Spanish-American War. Conducted secondary and primary source research on exhibition objects including the biographies of individuals involved in this conflict.
 - Conducted research for and helped edit essays for upcoming book on exhibition.
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Barry University
Adjunct Professor

Jan. 2023-Present

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- Instruct undergraduate students
 - Create lesson plans and plan curriculum
 - Recorded lessons for online instruction
 - Recruitment and retention of students
 - Advised students on crucial academic decisions

Florida International University

Jan. 2019-Dec. 2022

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- Taught and sometimes lectured U.S. History courses with approximately 200 students
 - Recorded lessons for online instruction
 - Assessed, graded and provided regular feedback for groups of about 60 students each semester
 - Advised students on crucial academic decisions
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University of Florida (Latin American Collection)

Aug. 2014-Aug. 2016

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- Responsible for the collection development of circulating materials in all formats, establishing collecting priorities for both physical and e-resources, in order to sustain one of the preeminent collections of the University of Florida.
 - Liaised with faculty and students at the Center for Latin American Studies and other UF units to support existing emerging research and teaching needs.
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Publications and Invited Papers

- Opinion-Editorial: "Miami's Freedom Tower: 'We Passed Through There', *The Miami Herald*, October 3, 2014.
- Invited lecture "The Legacy of Reinaldo Arenas' Activism" Florida Grand Opera, Green School of International and Public Affairs, February 2017
- Invited paper "*Manzanita: The Life and Legacy of Jose Antonio Echeverria*", Symposium on The Cuban Insurrection Against Batista, Florida International University, August 2014

Conference Presentations and Exhibits

- "Cuban Print Media and the Politics of the Press, 1940-1952", American Historical Association: Conference on Latin American History, Philadelphia, PA, January 2023
- "Los reconcentrados: War, Imperialism, and the Symbolization of the Cuban War of Independence (1895-1899)" Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies. Virtual, April 2021
- "Negotiating and Transforming the Public Sphere in Cuban and Exile Publications: 1960-1963". Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Oaxaca, Mexico. March 2019
- "Guayo: El Cameraman de Cuba", Twelfth Conference on Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, Florida International University, Miami, FL. February 2019
- "*Bohemia* and the Cuban Revolution, 1956-1960". Cuba Studies Program Graduate Student Symposium, *New Voices in Cuba Studies*, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, November 2018
- "La Otra Cuba: Queer Representation and Visibility in Cuba, 1790-1958, Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, March 2018
- Chair of Panel: Media and Latin American/Latinx Identity, Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, University of North Carolina/Duke University, Chapel Hill, NC, March 2017
- "Revolución Pero No Tanta: *Bohemia* and the Cuban Revolution, 1958-1960", Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, University of North Carolina/Duke University, Chapel Hill, NC, March 2017

- “Los Muertos de Batista: Mito y Realidad”, Eleventh Conference on Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, Florida International University, Miami, FL, February 2017
- “Covering Latin America: Revista Bohemia and the Guatemalan Revolution, 1952-1954”, Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies 63rd Annual Conference, , Cartagena, Colombia, March 2016
- “La Revista Bohemia y la Revolución Cubana, 1952-1959”, Simposio Internacional, La Revolución Cubana: Génesis y Desarrollo Histórico, Palacio de las Convenciones, La Habana Cuba, October 2015
- “Slave Rebellion in the Age of Revolution, 1795-1844”, Tenth Conference on Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, Florida International University, Miami, FL, February 2015
- “The Promise of a New Cuba: The Rise and Fall of Fidel Castro’s First Cabinet”, Ninth Conference on Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, Florida International University, May 2013

Languages

Spanish speaking, writing, reading—advanced level
 Portuguese speaking, writing, reading—novice level

Grants, Awards & Honors

- Eliana Rivero Research Scholarship, 2023
- Goizueta Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 2022
- Goizueta Foundation Pre-Prospectus Fellowship, 2020
- Tinker Foundation Field Research Grant, 2019
- Florida International University, Graduate and Professional Student Council Conference Grant, 2019
- University of Florida, Center for Latin American Studies Graduate Conference Grant, 2016
- University of Florida, Center for Latin American Studies Graduate Conference Grant, 2015
- Honor Graduate, Summa Cum Laude, Florida International University, Miami, FL, 2013
- Presented the winning essay on Jose Antonio Echevarria at the 2012 Awards Ceremony.
- Winner of the 2012 Jose Antonio Echevarria Foundation Scholarship
- School of International and Public Affairs Department Award for Academic Excellence, Florida International University, Miami, 2013
- Dean’s List, Florida International University, Miami, FL 2012 & 2013

Affiliation

- Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS)
- Digital Cuba, Vice-President (2019-present)
- IC-CAE Scholar (Florida International University)
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- SAG / AFTRA