

## **2014 Highlights**

### **US Women & Cuba Collaboration**

#### **January 26**

El Cine Cubano Film Series presents *Salud!*, Bozeman MT Public Library Large Community Room. Co-sponsored by the Gallatin Valley Friends of Cuba and the US Women and Cuba Collaboration.

#### **February 18**

"Diversity and Engaged Outreach: Global to Local," Jan Strout, panelist, *Fellows in Engagement Events*, Montana State University.

#### **February 21**

Co-sponsored with Seattle University Center for the Study of Justice in Society a showing of Saul Landau's *Will the Real Terrorist Please Stand Up?* Seattle University Bannon Auditorium.

#### **February 23**

El Cine Cubano Film Series presents *Cuba Mia: Portrait of an All Woman Orchestra*. Co-sponsored by US Women & Cuba Collaboration and Gallatin Valley Friends of Cuba. Bozeman MT Public Library Large Community Room.

#### **March 7**

Co-sponsored Seattle tour of Steven Kimber, author of *What Lies Across the Water*. Event at Seattle University sponsored by Center for the Study of Justice in Society and event with the Friday night Meaningful Movies featuring the film, *Will the Real Terrorist Please Stand Up?*

#### **March 9**

Sponsored Seattle International Women's Day house event to report on our work with the LGBTQ community in Cuba and to recruit for our 2014 Delegation.

#### **April 4**

"U.S. Citizen Diplomacy with Cuba," invited presentation by Jan Strout for the Montana and the World Conference, Bozeman, Montana.

#### **April 6**

El Cine Cubano Film Series presents *From Maids to Companeras* and *Lucia*. Co-sponsored by US Women & Cuba Collaboration and Gallatin Valley Friends of Cuba.

#### **April 8**

Co-sponsored forum, "Venezuela: The Story the Media Isn't Telling Us," featuring Martha Schmidt, National Lawyers Guild/Seattle Chapter and Professor Peter Bohmer

from Evergreen State College. Other sponsors included LELO, National Lawyers Guild/Seattle Chapter, Community Alliance for Global Justice.

### **April 22**

Sponsored a forum on Cuba featuring visiting Cuban American professor, Caridad Morales Nussa, talking about "Economic Changes in Cuba: Impacts for Cuban Women and their Families." Event included Sights and Sounds of Cuba featuring music by a local DJ and MSU Instructor Jelani Mahiri and photographic images by Lissa Barber Photography. Montana State University, Bozeman, MT.

### **May**

Global Feminisms - Report back of 2013 Women's Delegation to Cuba, NW NOW Conference, Tacoma, WA.

### **May 6**

Co-sponsored with LELO and Community Alliance for Global Justice an event in Seattle featuring Maria Estela Barco Huerta, Chiapas food sovereignty and human rights leader. Barco is General Coordinator of Social and Economic Development of Indigenous Mexicans, a Mexican non-governmental organization based in Chiapas.

### **May 7**

Organized event "CUBA UNDER SIEGE - American Policy, the Revolution and its People" with Keith Bolender, author of "Voices from the Other Side: An Oral History of Terrorism Against Cuba." Co-sponsored by Seattle/Cuba Friendship Committee.

### **May 9-June 30**

Presented "From Cuba with Love: Faces and Places," a Lissa Barber (2013 Delegate) Photography Exhibit. Co-sponsored by the Bozeman Public Library Foundation. Opening Reception May 9, Bozeman Public Library Atrium Gallery, Bozeman MT.

### **May 12-May 27**

Sponsored US Speaking Tour for noted Women Studies Scholar Norma Vasallo Baruetta. Visa delays forced cancellation of many tour cities, but she was featured at events in Baltimore MD, Washington DC, New York NY and Chicago IL, including the 2014 LASA (Latin American Studies Association) conference in Chicago.

### **May 22-27**

Participated in LASA (Latin American Studies Association) International Conference Events and sponsored several related community events with co-sponsor, The Adler School of Professional Psychology.

### **Community Events**

**May 22**, "Economic Changes in Cuba: Impacts on Cuban Women and their Families," Norma Luisa Vasallo Barrueta, PhD, Chair of Women Studies, University of Havana.

**May 22**, Cuban Women's Voices Roundtable features Norma Luisa Vasallo Barrueta,

PhD, Professor of Women's Studies and Social Psychology, Gisela Arandia Covarrubias, Journalist and Race Scholar, Norma Guillard Limonta, Social Psychologist and Anti-homophobia Activist, and Danae C. Dieguez, Professor of Media Art and Film.

**May 23**, Houseparty at the home of Dr. Nataka Moore, Adler School of Professional Psychology. Program includes Norma Luisa Vasallo Barrueta, PhD, Chair of Women Studies, University of Havana, and other Cuban guests.

**Conference Presentations by Collaboration Members**

**May 23**, Panel: "Determinantes sociales: marco conceptual de políticas e intervenciones para la equidad en salud." Chair: Norma Guillard Limonta, Universidad de La Habana

**May 24**, Panel: "Educación Superior en América Latina: tendencias, resultados y desafíos." Chair: Caridad Morales Nussa, Towson University

**May 24**, Panel: "Cuban Education: generations that came after the Literacy Campaign of 1961" Session Organizer: Caridad Morales Nussa, Towson University; Chair: Norma Luisa Vasallo Barrueta, Universidad de La Habana; Maestra documentary: Literacy in the Americas and the Cuban Literacy Campaign of 1961: Catherine E Murphy, The Literacy Project; Myths and achievements of the first generation after the Literacy campaign of 1961: Caridad Morales Nussa, Towson University; Mother, daughter and the Literacy Campaign of 1961: Tatiana Rodríguez Vergara, Centro de Superación para el Comercio Exterior y la Inversión Extranjera; Discussant: Elizabeth Iglesias, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

**May 24**, Presentation: "Una mirada feminista a la percepción de los cambios socioeconómicos en mujeres cubanas": Norma Luisa Vasallo Barrueta, Universidad de La Habana

**May 20-June 30**

Sponsored Tatiana Rodríguez Vergara US Speaking Tour. She is ESL Professor at the Center for Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment, Havana, Cuba. Tour featured a speaking engagement at the LASA conference, and events and talks with colleagues across the US in Chicago IL, Seattle WA, Los Angeles CA, Baltimore MD, Washington DC and New York, NY.

**June 26-28**

Collaboration leaders Zenaida Mendez and Jan Strout participate in the 2014 NOW (National Organization for Women) Conference. US Women and Cuba Collaboration organizing included a workshop called "Global Feminisms: Movement Building in the Americas," a screening of Gloria Rolando's 1912: *Breaking the Silence*, and proposing a Resolution for NOW to ask Hillary Clinton and the rest of the world to call for the end of the US government embargo of Cuba. The NOW resolution calling for an end to the embargo passed. Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**August 31-September 8**

Organized an 11 women research delegation to Cuba under the theme, "The Impact

of Social and Economic Changes on Women and Families in Cuba." The delegation visited Havana, Santa Clara, Trinidad and Cienfuegos. Launched the "Lesbian and Allies Project" at a major meeting at El Mejunje in Santa Clara.

**September 13-14**

Co-sponsored with LELO and other organizations a prehearing in Seattle for the Permanent Peoples' Tribunal-Mexico, on the topic of immigration related to 20 years of NAFTA policies. The final hearing on immigration was held in Mexico at the end of September and the final report was given on the seven themes in November, 2014.

**September 28**

El Cine Cubano Film Series presents *Send a Piana to Havana*, Bozeman MT Public Library Large Community Room. Co-sponsored by the Gallatin Valley Friends of Cuba and the US Women and Cuba Collaboration.

**October 12**

Collaboration Steering Committee Member Catherine Murphy is published in NYT Opinion Page debate on issue of lifting the Cuba embargo, arguing it is "Time to Restore the Rich Cultural Ties Between the U.S. and Cuba."

**October 16**

Co-sponsored event, "A Celebration of Cuban Food, Music, and Culture," to raise funds for Cuban Five Hero Antonio Guerrero's art exhibit which will come to Seattle in January 2015. Co-sponsored with Antonio Guerrero Art Exhibit Volunteers.

**October 26**

El Cine Cubano Film Series presents *Guantanamera*, Bozeman MT Public Library Large Community Room. Co-sponsored by the Gallatin Valley Friends of Cuba and the US Women and Cuba Collaboration.

**October 24-29**

Co-sponsored the DC/Maryland portion of renowned film maker Gloria Rolando's Fall Tour, part of her nine-state tour to almost twenty US cities coast to coast.

**November**

Signed on to the Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL) annual 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign.

**November 2**

Organized report back from Seattle Women who participated in the Collaboration's September 2014 Research Delegation, "Impacts of Social and Economic Reforms on Women and Families in Cuba." Special focus on new campaign, "Lesbians and Allies Project." Southside Commons, 3518 South Edmunds, in Columbia City Neighborhood, Seattle.

**November 19**

Organized report back on September 2014 Delegation sponsored by University of Washington School of Social Work and co-sponsored by UW Women's Center and Comparative History of Ideas Department. Focus on learning about Collaboration's work with lesbian leadership in Cuba, upcoming activities, and current perspectives on the U.S. embargo against Cuba and potential strategies for addressing the impacts of U.S. policies. University of Washington School of Social Work, Seattle.

**November 18-21**

Co-sponsored visit of renowned actress Laura de la Uz of Havana, Cuba, to Towson University, including two class visits, a community forum, and screening of her most recent film, *La película de Ana*, directed by the late Daniel D'az Torres. This screening is promoted by the Cuban Institute of Film Arts and Industries (ICAIC) as part of its 55th anniversary, and the visit is supported by Towson University and the ICAIC, and co-sponsored by the US Women and Cuba Collaboration.

**December**

Provided support and advertising for calls for participants to ARTWOMAN: 1st International Festival of Women Artists Havana, Cuba, December 12-14, 2014.