

**“BÚSQUEDAS INVESTIGATIVAS”:
INVESTIGACIÓN DE LA PRÁCTICA EDUCATIVA CUBANA**

**“ACADEMIC EXPLORATIONS”:
RESEARCHING CUBAN EDUCATIONAL PRACTICES**

*A Research Trip to Havana and Villa Clara Province, Cuba
October 23-31, 2010*

With the assistance of the Association of Cuban Educators

Please join us in Cuba for an intensive week of research on the Cuban educational system, policies, and practices at all levels, from day care to university and postgraduate education! Four days in Cuba’s capital, Havana, will be complemented by four days in Santa Clara Province. A full schedule of research will include the following:

Visits to schools, research centers, and institutions of higher education
Individual and group interviews with Cuban educators and students
Lectures by educational officials and scholars
Question-and-Answer sessions
Seminars on methods and methodologies
Possibilities of library research

Possible areas for research include: Values Education; Comparative Education and Educational Policy; Learning and Instruction (including specific subject areas); Teacher

Note: The application instructions and information below reflect the current status of U.S. policy with regard to Cuba and travel for professional and research purposes (by both students and professors/practitioners). Participants will be notified if any modifications of U.S. policy occur between now and October 2010.

Education; Higher Education; Art education; and Gender, Family, and Schools.

TRAVEL AND RESEARCH SCHEDULE

Saturday	Oct. 23	arrive in Havana
Sunday	Oct. 24	organizational meeting
Monday	Oct. 25	research activities in Havana
Tuesday	Oct. 26	research activities in Havana depart Havana for Santa Clara

Wednesday	Oct. 27	organizational meeting research activities in Santa Clara
Thursday	Oct. 28	research activities in Santa Clara
Friday	Oct. 29	research activities in Santa Clara closing session return to Havana
Saturday	Oct. 30	activities in Havana
Sunday	Oct. 31	depart Havana for U.S.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE TRIP?

If you are interested, please complete the conference application forms and submit them by **September 15, 2010**. You may request application materials at: slutjens@csusm.edu. E-mail completed applications to slutjens@csusm.edu or fax them to 760-750-4111. You may also send them to:

**Búsquedas Investigativas
c/o Sheryl Lutjens
Craven Hall 6218
California State University, San Marcos
3300 S. Twin Oaks Valley Rd.
San Marcos, CA 92096**

Important: each participant must submit a research plan (form provided) that includes a research focus and specific objectives or questions of the research. A vita should also be submitted with the plan. Basic reading materials and a bibliography on Cuban education will be available to participants.

DEADLINE FOR APPLYING: SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

TRAVEL TO CUBA

Group travel to Havana will be organized by **Marazul Charters**, New Jersey. Travel arrangements include flights to Havana from Miami, Cancún, or Nassau; other departure cities are also available if needed. Participants will arrange travel and payment directly with Marazul (after submitting application materials). **Mayra Alsono** of Marazul Charters will be coordinating our travel (malonso@marazul.com).

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The price of air travel varies according to point of departure. Round-trip flights from Miami are approximately \$500 (including departure tax); round-trip flights from Cancún range from (approximately) \$325 to \$390, depending on airline. Participants should arrange their own flights to the point of departure for Havana; Marazul can also help with those travel plans.

COSTS

Participants will arrange the flights to Cuba with Marazul and pay their in-Cuba lodging and travel costs. The in-Cuba package includes visa, round-trip transportation from Havana to Villa Clara Province, five (5) nights lodging in Havana in the Tejadillo Hotel in Old Havana and three (3) nights lodging in Los Caneyes Hotel in Santa Clara, breakfasts in Havana, and breakfasts and dinners in Santa Clara. Participants may select a single or double room. Depending on departure city, participants may also need to purchase health insurance at \$3.00/day (not included in package).

Single Room Package	\$825
Double Room Package	\$679 (per person)

The package is based on October 23 arrival and October 31 departure. Earlier or later dates may be arranged individually (and the package will be adjusted accordingly). Participants who wish to extend their research in Cuba should indicate desired dates at the bottom of the participant information form.

There will be a \$200 (US\$) registration fee for participants, to be paid in Havana (in cash).

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS RESEARCH TRIP?

Travel to Cuba is restricted by the U.S. government's Trading with the Enemy Act (1917) which grants the power to prohibit financial transactions in time of war. It has been used to structure the economic embargo on Cuba since 1961. The embargo is enforced through the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, issued in July 1963, as revised and amended over the years. There are criminal and civil penalties for violating the sanctions.

The financial prohibition means that U.S. citizens cannot spend money on travel to Cuba. Over the years, however, some travel to Cuba has been permitted, on the bases

of exceptions to the ban on spending money on travel-related transactions. U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and others located in the United States may travel to Cuba according to the provisions of Treasury Department regulations that identify and explain the authorized exemptions to the prohibitions. The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) administers the regulations.

A short overview of the regulations can be found at: "What You Need to Know about the U.S. Embargo," <http://www.treas.gov/offices/eotffc/ofac/sanctions/t11cuba.pdf>

All U.S. citizens and permanent residents wherever they are located, all people and organizations physically in the United States, and all branches and subsidiaries of U.S. organizations throughout the world are subject to the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 CFR Part 515, issued by the U.S. Government July 8, 1963 under the Trading with the Enemy Act (1917). Currently, full-time professionals may travel to Cuba to conduct research under what is called the "general license."

According to the Treasury Department:

"Full-time professionals whose travel transactions are directly related to professional research in their professional areas, provided that their research 1) is of a noncommercial, academic nature; 2) comprises a full work schedule in Cuba; and 3) has a substantial likelihood of public dissemination."

Graduate students may also travel for research purposes if they will receive academic credit toward a graduate degree for the research conducted in Cuba. In recent years, the Treasury Department has required that the research be directed towards a thesis or dissertation. Graduate students will need a specific license. Further information for graduate students is found in the Guidelines for Graduate Student Travel document.