Dates: June 21–July 3, 2018
Academic Institution: Oregon State University
Academic Course: OSU in Cuba
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OSU Professors: Dr. Adam Schwartz and Dr. Ronald Mize

Thursday, June 21, 2018
10:00 am Arrival - José Martí International Airport in Havana
   Delta Flight 625K /10.20 am from Miami
   Transfer by bus to Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center in the Marianao neighborhood
12.30 pm Lunch at MLKC
02.00 pm Introductions, health and safety orientation, and schedule review
03:30 pm Time to go to the CADECA to exchange money and to walk around Marianao in small groups
06.30 pm Dinner at CMLK
07.30 pm Bus and walking tour along the Malecón to Old Havana

Friday, June 22, 2018
08.00 am Breakfast at MLKC
08.30/09.30 am OSU class time
10.00 am Welcoming remarks and presentation about MLKC’s mission, history, current projects and the importance of the visit of the delegation by Rev. Raúl Suárez Ramos, Baptist pastor and MLKC Director and Founder. direccion@cmlk.co.cu Q&A
12.30 pm Lunch at MLKC
   Time to rest
04.00 pm Visit to Beth Shalom Gran Synagogue in the Vedado neighborhood. Presentation about the history of the Jewish community in Cuba, its religious life and social services, by Adela Dworin, President adela531@gmail.com Q&A
06.00 pm Introduction to traditional Cuban rhythms, with Lisandra Hernandez lichu91@nauta.cu. Dance lessons interspersed with history and theory.
07.30 pm Dinner at La Figura paladar (privately owned restaurant). Bieg greeting and conversation with owner Raúl Diago Izquierdo, Cuba’s World Champion volleyball setter. Viewing of his trophies

Saturday, June 23, 2018
08.00 am Breakfast at MLKC
08.30/09.00 am OSU class time
9.10 am Depart for Coppelia Ice-cream Parlor in Vedado for exchange with 8 Cuban university students. Five small groups ordered ice cream, sat and talked about different topics such as Cuban culture, their studies, interest and hobbies.
11.30 am Talk on Cuba’s Economy by Jourdy Victoria Jarres, Sub-Director of the Research Center for World Economy- Q and A jourdyv@ciem.cu
1:30 pm Bag lunch together with 8 Cuban students
03.30 pm Visit the office of family doctor Dra. Barbara Romero barbaromero@incomed.com in Marianao to learn about the Cuban health care system. Q&A.
05.00 Back to MLKC
Time to rest
06.30 pm Dinner at MLKC
07.30 pm Depart by bus from MLKC to Vedado. Exploration of Vedado on foot in small groups and use of Wifi hot spot.
10:30 pm Pick up to return to MLKC on the bus

Sunday, June 24, 2018
07.30 am Breakfast at MLKC
08.00 am Depart by bus for Ciénaga de Zapata (Wetlands – Biosphere Reservoir) in southern Matanzas Province. Approximately 4 hours on the road.
11.30 am Visit to a crocodile-breeding farm. Our guide, Gustavo, gave a brief presentation and answered questions.
01.00 pm Lunch in the historical town of Pálpite at the Pálpite Restaurant
02.30 pm Talk with Dr. Oscar Verdeal dircom@eficz.co. cu, Sales and Development Manager of the Comprehensive Forestry Enterprise (EFI) at Ciénaga de Zapata about preservation of flora and fauna. Q&A.
Time to rest
04.00 pm Accommodation in casas particulares (B&Bs) in the community of Caletón
07.00 pm Dinner with hosting families

Monday, June 25, 2018
08:30 am Breakfast in casas particulares
08.30/09.30 am OSU class time
10:00 am Travel by bus to Playa Girón (Bay of Pigs). Guided visit to Bay of Pigs museum by Dulce María Limonta de Pozo to learn about the invasion of Cuba in 1961. Q&A.
12.30 pm Lunch in Pálpite restaurant
03.00 pm Visit to Csimba Project in the Municipality of Zapata; community project to rescue the history and patrimony of the community – Efrain Otaño gave a brief presentation about Csimba project, showed the group old pictures of the area, and gave a walking tour of the community. efrain.otano@gmail.com Q&A.
Time to rest
07.00 pm Dinner with hosting families

Tuesday, June 26, 2018
09:00 am Breakfast in casas particulares
10.00 am Visit to Cueva de Los Peces (Cenote). Learned about marine life. Explore the forest[Took a hike/walk in the forest?]
12:30 pm  Lunch boxes in Cueva de Los Peces  
02:30 pm  Return to the casas particulares. Exchange with host families  
          Exploration of Caletón Village in small groups  
          Time to prepare final presentations for OSU  
          Time to rest  
07.00 pm  Dinner in casas particulares

**Wednesday June 27, 2018**
08.00 am  Breakfast in casas particulares  
09.00 am  Depart by bus for Havana  
01.30 pm  Lunch at MLKC  
          Free afternoon to rest or explore the Mariano neighborhood in small groups  
06.30 pm  Dinner at MLKC

**Thursday June 28, 2018**
08.00 am  Breakfast at MLKC  
08.30/9.30 am  OSU class time  
09.40 am  Depart by bus for Havana’s China Town  
10.00 am  Visit to China Town and talk with Ernesto Albarrán  
          ernestoalbairan@hotmail.com about the history and current demographics of China Town. Q&A.  
11.30 am  Visit to Yoruba practitioners. Explanation about Afro-Cuban religion by Santera Omara Diago. Presentation about Afro-Cuban Religions and syncretism between religions. Q and A.  
01.30 pm  Lunch at MLKC  
06.00 pm  Dinner at MLKC

**Friday June 29, 2018**
08.00 am  Breakfast at MLKC  
08.30/9.30 am  OSU class time  
10.00 am  Visit to Casa de Las Américas in Miramar neighborhood. Exchange with Gerardo Hernández Bencomo, Director of International Relations gerardo@casa.co.cu. Q&A. Tour the institution. Visit to the bookstore.  
12.30 pm  Bag lunch at Casa de Las Américas  
          Time to walk around and explore the area around La Casa de Las Americas in small groups  
04.00 pm  Talk with Roberto Zurbano zurb202@gmail.com about race/ethnicity, racial identity and racial formation in the Cuban context. Q&A.  
06.00 pm  Return on the bus to MLKC

**Saturday June 30, 2018**
08.00 am  Breakfast at MLKC  
08.30/9.30 am  OSU class time
10.00 am
Exchange with Maritza Hopee McBrean maritza164@nauta.cu and Melvys Isabel Matas Miranda melvys.matas@uneac.co.cu. Presentation about the Cuban Women’s Federation (FMC), its work and community projects. Q&A.

11.30 am
On the bus

12.30 pm
Lunch at MLKC

02.00 pm
Meeting with poet and writer Norge Espinoza Mendoza norgenator@gmail.com. Presentation about Cuba today and the current situation of the LGTBQ community in the Cuban context.
Guided tour of Old Havana and the four main plazas with Edelso Moret

06.30 pm
Dinner at MLKC

**Sunday July 1, 2018**

08.00 am
Breakfast at MLKC

09.40 am
On the bus

10.00 am
Visit to home/studio of Professor Saulo Serrano saulo.serrano48@gmail.com in La Elisa neighborhood. Presentation about art in the Cuban context and his work.

11.30 am
Visit to an Organic Farm. Explanation on Urban Agriculture by Ing. Yamila Pérez Díaz

12.30 pm
Organic lunch at the organoponico

03.30 pm
Visit to Revolution Square (Plaza de la Revolución)

06.30 pm
Dinner at MLKC

07.30/8.30 am
OSU class time

**Monday 2 July 2018**

08.00 am
Breakfast at MLKC

08.30/9.30 am
OSU time for students to prepare their final reflections about their time in Cuba

9.30/10.30 am
Time for CGEE written evaluations

12.30 pm
Lunch at MLKC

Continue preparation of final reflections MLKC evaluations

06.00 pm
Farewell dinner (despedida) in the Dulce Habana paladar with 5 Cubans (Carmen, Edelso, Pity, Frank and Vladimir) from MLKC invited by OSU. Presentation by students of their final reflections about their time in Cuba

**Tuesday July 3 2018**

07.00 am
Breakfast at MLKC

08.00 am
Depart by bus for the airport

**Flight 11:20 AM Delta 650K to Miami**

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