On March 28th, FILAS student Grace Slawski passed her MA thesis defense, titled “Acculturation and the ‘Cuban Presence’ at an All-Boys Cuban Catholic School in Miami.” FILAS student Kelsey Flitter will also be defending her MA thesis later this month. Send her your best wishes!

The LAS program has been hard at work planning the 2016 South Florida Latin American and Caribbean Studies Graduate Student Conference, taking place Friday, April 22nd at the Student Activities Center. Aside from planning a series of stimulating panels, and preparing an awesome lunch free for all registered participants and attendees, Dr. Felicia Knaul will be making a keynote speech at 2 PM that day. To attend, please follow this link: http://goo.gl/forms/EDMKRMxJQB.

Alfred Santamaría

Join us for a conversation about his experiences and leadership in the Miami Dade county!

Alfred is a Colombian young professional who has been actively involved with community activities for the underprivileged in the Miami Dade county. Alfred has had the opportunity to work as assistant to Miami Dade Mayor Carlos Alvarez and with Coral Gables Mayor Don Cusick. Currently, Alfred is the Chairman of Family Builders USA, a non-profit organization with one mission: to help those families in crisis in Miami Dade. Alfred filed his candidacy for mayor of Miami Dade county less than a month ago and he is looking forward to work in benefit of Miami.

6:30PM-7:30PM
Thursday April 7th 2016
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Announcements:

- “What classes am I taking next fall?” Take a look at the LAS course booklet for the Fall of 2016! It was emailed to all LAS students earlier this week, but if you need another copy or have any questions, please contact the Graduate Assistant Grace Slawski at g.slawski@umiami.edu. All of our undergraduate and graduate course offerings are featured. And don’t forget, if you haven’t already, make sure that you meet with Dr. Fuller to plan your schedule for next semester. To make an appointment, email Glenneka Johnson at g.durand@miami.edu.

- The LAS program is planning and end of the semester lunch for our graduating graduate and undergraduate students. It will take place on Thursday, May 5th in Merrick 214. Exact details will be announced soon, so stay tuned!

Jobs, Internships, & Other Opportunities for Students

- Latin American News Digest is looking for summer interns! Interns must possess excellent writing skills in English and advanced reading skills in Spanish, and Portuguese is a plus. Familiarity with Latin American civilization and culture, as well as general current events is highly recommended. The ability to meet deadlines is essential. This internship does not require onsite work. Interns work remotely, but need to be readily available via email, cell and Skype. Interns should submit a letter of interest as an example of their writing skills to jdejong@hsc.edu (Dr. Jana DeJong). The letter should outline the intern’s experience (coursework, travel, etc.) as it pertains to language skills and knowledge of Latin America. The name and contact information for two references must be included: one to address the intern’s writing skills in English and the second to comment on his/her abilities to read Spanish, as well as general knowledge of Latin America. For summer internships (May 15 - August 15), please submit your letter by May 1, 2016. If you have any questions, contact wjohngreen@latinamericannewsdigest.com.

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