This presentation, Dr. Ada Ferrer will talk about the centuries-long ties between Cuba and the United States, many of which are surprising and sometimes troubling. While the US influenced Cuba, the island also influenced US affairs. This presentation will give students and faculty unexpected insights into Cuban and US history, and, in so doing, help them imagine a new relationship with Cuba, something Dr. Ferrer has striven for all her life, having been born in Cuba and raised in New York City.

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