ISLAC (Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean) at the University of South Florida has organized an international conference and week-long series of community-oriented events to commemorate Florida’s Hispanic Heritage in honor of the 500th Anniversary of Ponce de Leon’s historic encounter.

Community Events

**Saturday, October 13, 2012**
- “500 Years of Eating in Florida” an interactive cooking demonstration and lecture by Professor Gary Mormino, Ph.D. 11:00 am - 1:00 pm · Centro Asturiano
- “A Cuban Poet Sings to Florida: Tertulia with Poetry and Spanish Guitar” by Orlando Rossardi. 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm · Centro Asturiano

**Tuesday, October 16, 2012**
- Glazer Children’s Museum will host a day of Hispanic Heritage with all sorts of activities that reflect the heritage of games, stories, and play traditions from Latin American countries.
- “Afro-Cubans and the Civil Rights Movement in Tampa: A Tribute to Francisco A. Rodriguez” by the Hon. EJ Salcines. 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm · La Union Martí-Maceo

**Wednesday, October 17, 2012**
- Florida’s Hispanic Heritage Conference Sessions are free and open to the public, though interested persons should fill out the registration form at the conference webpage, http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/las_hffc
- “The Latin American History of the United States” Florida’s Hispanic Heritage Conference Opening and Keynote Address by Felipe Fernández-Armesto, William P. Reynolds Professor of History, Notre Dame University. 6:30 pm · The Cuban Club

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**Thursday, October 18, 2012**
- Florida’s Hispanic Heritage Conference Sessions 9:30 am - 5:15 pm · Tampa Bay History Center
- “The Old World in the New: Florida Discovers the Arts of Spain, 1885- 1930” Florida’s Hispanic Heritage Conference Luncheon and Keynote Address by: Richard L. Kagan, Arthur O. Lovejoy Professor of Early Modern European History, Johns Hopkins University. $10 (for luncheon) for the general public, advanced reservation is required 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm · Centro Asturiano

**Friday, October 19, 2012**
- Florida’s Hispanic Heritage Conference Sessions 9:30 am - 11:30 am · Tampa Bay History Center
- “Latin America and Florida: Today and Tomorrow” Florida’s Hispanic Heritage Conference Plenary Session, Phil Williams, Emilio Gonzalez, Richard Wainio, and Frank Sanchez (invited). 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm · Centro Asturiano Theater

**Saturday, October 20, 2012**
- Teacher Training Workshop 10:00 am - 4:00 pm · University of South Florida
- Florida’s Hispanic Heritage Oral History Project (cont.) 10:00 am - 4:00 pm · Ybor City Museum Society or Centro Asturiano

For more information please see: http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/las_hffc

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