



Sunday, June 9, 2013

Dear Member:

I hope this letter finds you well. As the summer approaches, the Board is increasingly focused on finalizing the preparations for ASCE's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting this summer.

The theme of this year's conference is "**Reforming Cuba?**" – with a focus on evaluating the progress and overall viability of the economic reforms enacted to date under President Raúl Castro. We have an exciting conference program taking shape and hope that all of you can attend.

We anticipate a record number of conference attendees from the island itself this year, including the economists **Armando Nova** (*Centro de Estudios de la Economía Cubana*) and **Karina Gálvez** (*Convivencia* magazine), computer science professor **José Luiz Leyva Cruz** (University of Camagüey), **Lenier González** and **Roberto Viega** co-editors of *Espacio Laical*, the independent lawyer **Laritza Diversent** (*Jurisconsulto de Cuba*), and the mathematician and *Estado de Sats* coordinator **Antonio Rodiles**. We are still hoping for the participation of a number of other potential invitees, including Mayra Espina Prieto, Armando Chaguaceda, Yociel Marrero, René Gómez Manzano, and two Cuban students completing a summer course in Georgetown. We are also expecting long-distance participation or submissions from Cuba from economists such as José Perelló (University of Havana) and long-time ASCE member Oscar Espinosa Chepe.

Following a very successful and well-attended Carlos Díaz-Alejandro lecture by Alejandro Portes at the New School on May 6, we are proud to have as our conference Keynote Speaker this year **Gorge Borjas** the eminent Harvard economist and scholar on immigration and labor economics. Borjas' presence at our gathering this year is particularly timely as Cuba and its diaspora gage the impact of the migration law that recent took effect and as the US considers enacting its own immigration reform.

We also want to report that ASCE recently partnered once again with NYU to co-host the four young Cuban academics **Armando Chaguaceda**, **Elaine Díaz**, **Yasmín Portales**, and **Yudivián Almeida** for a panel hosted by ASCE President Ted Henken on "**Internet, Social Media, and Cuban Society Today**." The panel took place on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at noon at the King Juan Carlos Center (53 Waverly Place on Washington Square Park) at NYU and was followed by a lively discussion and reception hosted by NYU's Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies. We would especially like to thank CLACS director Jill Lane and Sisa Holguín for their help in coordinating the event.

We very much look forward to your participation as well, and hope that you can join us. As a reminder, the meeting is in Miami from **August 1–3, 2013**, at the **Hilton Miami Downtown Hotel** on Biscayne Boulevard (where the last few meetings have been held). Please take a moment and sign up for the conference and renew your membership online at [www.ascecuba.org](http://www.ascecuba.org) or using the attached single form for Conference Registration and Membership Renewal. Your early registration helps our planning and allows you to take advantage of the lower conference and hotel rates (which is attached). I hope to see you soon in Miami.

Best regards,

Ted A. Henken  
President, Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy



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**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference—August 1-3, 2013**

**Hilton Miami Downtown**

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**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

<b>Pre-registration</b> (No later than July 15) <sup>2</sup>	<b>ASCE Member</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>Non-Member</b>
Conference fee	\$75 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$175 <input type="checkbox"/>
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<sup>1</sup> Membership in ASCE is renewed on an annual basis.

<sup>2</sup> To enjoy pre-registration benefits, payment must be postmarked no later than July 15, 2013.

<sup>3</sup> To obtain ASCE members registration rates, dues for 2013–2014 must be paid before the meeting.

<sup>4</sup> Hardcopies of “Cuba in Transition” volumes are available for \$80 at ASCE’s website [www.ascecuba.org](http://www.ascecuba.org).