

**White House Fellows Regional Conference  
Miami, Florida  
February 18-19, 2018**

**Sunday, February 18, 2018**

***Venue: The University of Miami Library, Cuban Heritage Collection – Roberto Goizueta Pavilion – 1300 Memorial Drive, Miami, Florida 33146***

***Attire: Business Casual***

*Note: For those staying at the Betsy Hotel we will provide transportation to the University of Miami. A mini coach will depart the Betsy Hotel at 3:45pm so as to arrive by 5:00pm. For those of you staying elsewhere in the local area, please plan to arrive at the University of Miami Library no later than 5:00pm.*

5:00pm: Cocktail Reception and heavy h'ors doeuvres in the Roberto Goizueta Pavilion

- Conference Participants may pick up their nametags when they arrive
- The exhibits will be open for us to visit

5:30pm: Dinner Speaker: The Honorable **Donna Shalala** (Confirmed)

7:00pm: Evening event concludes

- Guests depart
- Mini Coach returns to *The Betsy Hotel*

**Monday, February 19, 2018**

***Venue: The Betsy Hotel, 1440 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139***

***Attire: Business Casual***

8:00am: Breakfast in the **Conservatory** – Ground Floor, Art Deco Wing

8:55am Move to the **Gallery** – Ground Floor, Art Deco Wing

9:00am: Welcome Remarks by **Mr. Carlos Del Toro** (1998-99), President of the WHFFA

9:05am: Keynote Speaker: **Governor Jeb Bush** (Confirmed)  
Introduced by **Dr. Stefanie Sanford, Ph.D.** (1996-97)

10:05am Break

- 10:20am **Panel on Cuba: How we got to this point and how best to move forward**  
Moderator: **Mr. Carlos Del Toro** (1998-99): President of the WHFFA (Confirmed)  
Panelists: **Mr. Carlos Saladrigas**: President of the Cuba Studies Group (Confirmed)  
**Dr. Michael J. Bustamante, Ph.D.**: Assistant Professor, Florida Int'l University (Confirmed)

This panel will explore how and why the Cuban Revolution came to be, the dramatic results that followed, and the balance of internal and external forces that served as drivers in Cuba's historical trajectory.

- 11:50am Break

Move front the *Gallery* to the *Ocean Front Deck*

- 12:00pm Lunch on the ***Ocean Front Deck***

**Luncheon Speaker**: The Honorable **Dan Gelber**, Mayor of Miami Beach (Confirmed)

- 1:20pm Break

Move front the *Ocean Front Deck* back to the *Gallery*

- 1:30pm **Panel on Cuba: A feeling of Déjà Vu – To engage or disengage**  
Moderator: **Mr. Carlos Del Toro** (1998-99): President of the WHFFA (Confirmed)  
Panelists: **Mr. Carlos Saladrigas**: President of the Cuba Studies Group (Confirmed)  
**Mr. Sebastian Arcos**: Associate Director, Cuban Research Institute (Confirmed)

- 2:20pm **Major General (Ret) Burn Loeffke** (1970-71): *John Gardner Villages of Hope*

- 2:30pm Break

- 2:40pm **Panel on Culture and the Arts: Miami and Cuba**  
Moderator: **Ms. Sylvia Wilhelm**: President of "Cuban Bridges" (Cubapuentes) (Confirmed)

Panelists: **Dr. Carol Damian, Ph.D.**: Expert in Cuban and Miami Visual Arts (Confirmed)

**Ms. Sandra Ramos**, Cuban artist (Confirmed)

**Ms. Beth Boone**: Artistic & Executive Director of Miami Light Project (Confirmed)

- 3:45pm Concluding Remarks: **Mr. Carlos Del Toro** (1998-99)

- 4:00pm Conference Ends