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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--"Cuba: From Ally to Enemy" is the topic of a lecture at Eastern Illinois University on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. in Booth Library Lecture Hall.

The presentation by Dr. Luis Felipe Clay-Mendez, Associate Professor of Language Sciences, will be the second in a series of lectures sponsored by the campus chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Clay-Mendez, who was born and reared in Havana, sought political exile in 1961, two years after the Castro regime began. He will give an overview of Cuba's political development in the past 30 years as seen through the eyes of a native.

He has worked in the U.S. as a language assistant to several law enforcement agencies and as an interpreter for municipal and criminal courts.

Clay-Mendez holds Ph.D. degrees from Interamerican University in Mexico and Washington University. He also holds an undergraduate degree from Southwest Missouri State and a master's degree from Washington University.

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