

Jesús T. Piñero Collection

"A window on the past to understand the present"

Carta Informativa

April 2013

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Puerto Rican Migrations

According to the report *Perfil del migrante 2011* ("Migrant Profile 2011"), published by the Institute for Statistics of Puerto Rico, "The decade of 2000 had the largest migratory movement from Puerto Rico to the United States since the Great Exodus of the decades of 1950 and 1960." The report points out that "these migratory movements have effects on society, on education, health and the economy". This important topic will be analyzed during the commemoration of the 116th anniversary of the birth of Governor Jesús T. Piñero on **April 16** at 9:30 a.m. at the Universidad del Este. As in previous years, this celebration will serve as a forum in which important aspects of contemporary life in Puerto Rico will be discussed.

Last year's celebration had as its principal theme "Inequality and dependence in Puerto Rico". Two distinguished professors, Edwin Irizarry Mora and Liliana Cotto, offered excellent presentations on the topic. This year Idania Rodríguez Ayuso, author of the report published by the Institute for Statistics, will be the invited speaker. She will discuss the latest information available on migratory movements and their possible impact on the future of Puerto Rico.

In 1947, during the governorship of Jesús Piñero and under the auspices of Law 25, the "Migration Division" of the Puerto Rico Labor Department was established. According to the stated motives of this law, the Government of Puerto Rico sought "to neither encourage nor discourage the migration of Puerto Rican workmen to the United States". The Division's offices had the mission "to provide the proper guidance with respect to opportunities for employment and the problem of adjustment usually encountered in environments that are ethnologically alien..." During more than forty years of existence, the Division opened offices in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Florida and Connecticut.

Our society is once again faced with the reality of large-scale migratory movements and we are challenged to analyze and understand this dramatic situation. We invite our friends to share with us in this opportunity to discuss this process and that implications it holds for all.



Governor Piñero and other officials share with a group of children at the Manhattanville Community Center in New York. (July 1948).
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The Board of Directors and the Executive Director
of the
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Invite you to the celebration of the
116th Anniversary of the birth of

JESUS T. PIÑERO

and the unveiling of a bust in his honor

Saturday, April 20, 2013

11 A.M.

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Highway #3, Km. 15.4

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Piñero House Museum



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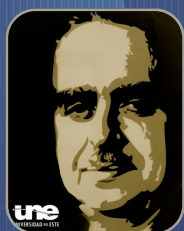
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Piñero Reading Room

Monday thru Friday
7:00 am to 5:00 p.m.

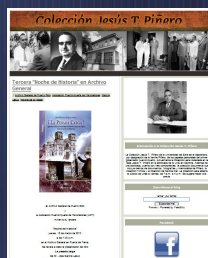
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