

Universidad del Este Celebrates the Legacy of Jesús Piñero



Dr. Julio C. Hernández of the Puerto Rico Planning Board discusses the demographic challenges to the establishment of public policy in Puerto Rico.

On April 9 of this year the Universidad del Este held its annual commemorative activity to highlight the legacy of the Island's first native governor, Jesús T. Piñero. The theme of this year's activity was a continuation of the 2013 celebration which was dedicated to an analysis of recent demographic tendencies in Puerto Rico. The invited speaker for this year's celebration was Dr. Julio C. Hernández, Director of the Economic and Social Planning Program of the Puerto Rico Planning Board. In his presentation, Dr. Hernández discussed the challenges that current and future demographic changes represent for the formulation of public policy. He emphasized the importance of the participation of universities in the study of these tendencies and the creation of future policies. He also spoke of the impact that dramatic future population changes will have on universities.

Dr. Rosendo Vela was another of the invited speakers. Dr. Vela, a nephew of Governor Piñero, spoke on behalf of the Piñero family and shared several personal anecdotes about the life and work of his uncle.

UNE Chancellor Alberto Maldonado also spoke and shared with the public the latest developments of the Piñero Library currently under construction at the UNE campus in Carolina.

Progress of the construction of the Jesús T. Piñero Library

Very notable progress is being made in the construction of the future Piñero Library at the UNE campus in Carolina. Each day there are new indications of details of the impressive structure that will house the Piñero Collection and Library. In April of this year, the construction company has indicated that in several áreas the Project is actually ahead of Schedule.

In addition, plans are being drawn up for many of the projects and operations that will take place in the Library once it is inaugurated: research, library services, cultural activities and more. We are in a dramatic phase of plans and dreams.



**Views of the
construction
of the future
Piñero
Library**

Successful first season of



“Utopística”, the Piñero Library’s program of interviews and analysis completes its first season during this month of May. The experience has been very positive and the producers are proud of the 15 editions that make up this first semester of programming. The topics are varied and the invited guests have been excellent. Each one has offered, from different perspectives, experiences and ideas that enrich the viewer and provoke reflection

The topics and guests of this first season are:

“Utopia and utopistics”, Dr. Mildred Huertas

“Puerto Rico’s Economy in a Global Context”
Dr. Jaime Benson

“Economy and Party Politics in Puerto Rico”
Dr. Rafael Bernabe

“Adios to the Economy”, Dr. Miriam Muñiz Varela

“The Impact of the Media, Communications and Social Networks on Contemporary Society”
Dr. Lina Gómez, Prof. Rosario Meléndez

“Social Responsibility of Universities”
Dra. Beatriz Morales

“Rebeldes al poder”, Dr. José C. Arroyo

“Cooperativist Movement in Puerto Rico”,
José Julián Ramírez

“Economy: History, Movements and the Future”
Dr. Francisco Catalá

“Books and Book Stores: Publishing in Puerto Rico”
Sr. Alfredo Torres

“Leaders and Followers: Reading Gramsci Today”
Dr. Manuel Almeida

“Remembering Juan M. García Passalacqua”
Dr. José C. Arroyo, Dr. José Calderón

“Chronicles of a Collapse: Economy, Politics and Society In Puerto Rico in the 21st Century”

Dr. Emilio Pantojas García

All of these programs (in Spanish) are available on our page in [“YouTube”](#) and through our page in [Facebook](#).

Our gratitude goes out to all those who have expressed their interest and support for this new program. We are also grateful to the people who have written to let us know their opinion of this project. We want to share with our readers the comments we received from Érika Fontáñez, Professor at the School of Law at the University of Puerto Rico and columnist at [80 Grados](#) :

*A library is much more than just a place to find books. It is an experience, the possibility of a profound conversation, a loving space for encounters. With **Utopística** the Piñero Library expands its boundaries and proposes a democratization of this process. The conversations and analysis that **Utopística** provides invite us to analyze our reality from diverse perspectives, and gives us means and parameters to help us find our way. It is an extension of the work of a university and the product of the joy and passion for knowledge. Congratulations and thanks to the creators of this program.*

We invite our friends to send their comments and suggestions to bibliotecajtp@suagm.edu.



A scene from edition #14 of “Utopística”. The hosts interview Dr. Felix Cordova and Mrs. Carmen Rivera Izcoa about the history of “Ediciones Huracán” a vitally important editorial Project.

Carolina Remembers Jesús T. Piñero



Once again this year, the City of Carolina held a special activity to remember one of its most beloved sons, Jesús Piñero. The activity was held at the old Municipal Cemetery near the center of the city and included the presentation of floral arrangements and messages from several organizations. In the photo, from left to right: Gilberto Quiñones (Amateur Radio Operators), Rodrigo Carreras (Lions Club), Grisalibelle Martínez (Institute of Puerto Rican Culture), Migrelys Ramos (City of Carolina), Eliezer González (Lions Club), M. Isabel de Guzmán (Universidad del Este) and Rosendo Vela Piñero (Piñero family). Our thanks to the city of Carolina for their efforts to preserve and enrich the legacy of Governor Piñero.

Piñero House Museum Activities for the month of May

May 18th International Museums Day



Visits to the Museum
Wednesday through Sunday

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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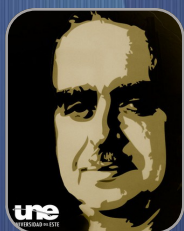


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Piñero Reading Room

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

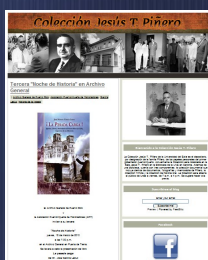
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