

## 2014—A Look Back

When we look back at 2014 there are several events that have definitely demonstrated the vitality that is characteristic of the project that is the Jesús T. Piñero Collection. Without a doubt, the construction of the future Jesús T. Piñero Library marks a turning point for both the Collection and the *Universidad del Este*. With each passing day, this structure, which will be a center of academic and cultural activity for both the UNE and for Puerto Rico, takes shape.

Another important achievement of this past year is our program on the internet, **Utopística**. The program's team has already created 31 episodes of this educational project. The topics and invited guests reflect a wide array of interests and activities: the environment, literature, politics, technology, the publishing world, theater and more. This program is available (in Spanish) on YouTube, Facebook and on the web page [www.utopistica.com](http://www.utopistica.com). Our sincere thanks go to the members of the team who produce this program: Jaime Rodríguez Cancel, Lina Gómez, Manuel Almeida, Rosario Meléndez, Carlos Medina y Radames Barreto.

This year the Collection, with the collaboration of both the School of Social and Human Sciences and the Institute for Transdisciplinary Research, has carried out a series of conferences and book presentations that have brought writers and academics who stimulated our thought and creativity. A special thanks goes to Dr. Manuel Almeida who has been the principal promoter behind these activities.

The presentations that were held for the documentary *Geografía de la memoria: Canóvanas en tiempos de don Jesús* were both an accomplishment and a step forward in the creation of an innovative research project that will be an important part of the future Piñero Library. We are grateful to the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture (ICP) and the Piñero House Museum as well as the Municipal government of Canóvanas and their Cultural Affairs Office and Center for the Aging for all their help in the production and presentation of this documentary.

During this past year the Piñero Library has continued to receive financial support from a variety of sources. Plaza Las Americas Foundation made a commitment of \$20,000 to the library construction project. The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) continued its support through a Challenge Grant to the Library. In addition, as a participant in the program for Depositories of Ex Governors and Ex First Ladies, the Project received funds from the Government Development Bank. In addition, Mr. Christopher Buck, grandson of Governor Piñero, made another contribution in fulfillment of his commitment to the Library.

Not all of this year's important events were motives for celebration. This year we lost a true friend and faithful collaborator, **José E. Piñero Bou, "Sonny"**, Governor Piñero's son. From the beginning of this initiative, "Sonny" was an enthusiastic participant, always willing to collaborate and always offering ideas and support. We will certainly miss him but we also know that his vision and spirit will always be with us.

We are sincerely grateful for all the interest and support that so many friends have offered during this past year. With your help, we look forward to accomplishing even more in the year that lies ahead.

## Images from 2014



*Work begins in the parking area behind UNE for the Piñero Library construction project.  
February 4, 2014*



*The future Piñero Library takes shape.  
November 21, 2014*



**We received a visit from the grandchildren and great granddaughters of Governor Piñero.**



**Dr. Rafael Aragunde**



**Mr. Francisco Velázquez**

### PRESENTATIONS IN THE PIÑERO READING ROOM



**Dr. Dennis Alicea**



**Dra. Eloísa Gordon**

**INSTITUTO DE CULTURA PUERTORRIQUEÑA  
MUSEO CASA JESÚS T. PIÑERO  
FESTIVAL DE CINE**

Programa  
marzo de 2014

Sábado 8 Trópico de sangre  
(República Dominicana)

Sábado 15 El manzano azul  
(Venezuela)

Sábado 22 La Yuma  
(Nicaragua)

Las presentaciones serán a las 7:00 p.m. en el patio de la Casa Museo.  
Entrada gratuita

A las 6:30 p.m. habrá una visita guiada a la Casa Museo.

Trópico de Sangre  
República Dominicana, 2010, 120 mnts, drama

El manzano azul  
Venezuela, 2012, 98 mnts, drama familiar

La Yuma  
Nicaragua, 2009, 90 mnts, acción, drama

**Co-sponsorship of the 5th Annual Film Festival at Piñero House Museum.**



## Second season



The second season of “Utopística” continues this month with interviews dedicated to important topics for the present and future of Puerto Rico. We invite our Friends to see each edition through our channel in [YouTube](#), in [Facebook](#) or on our web page at: [www.utopistica.com](http://www.utopistica.com).

Thursday, December 4:

Dr. Argeo Quiñones  
*Revisiting Puerto Rico's Economy*

Thursday, November 11:

Prof. Juan C. Morales  
*New Initiatives in Curriculum Development*

Thursday, January 22:

Dr. Lourdes Lugo and Dr. Luis Rosario  
Albert  
*Challenges and Opportunities in the Communications Field*



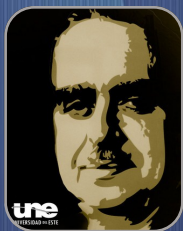
On October 30th the documentary *Geografía de la memoria: Canóvanas en tiempos de don Jesús* was presented at Piñero House Museum. Many of the people interviewed for the film were present. Very soon each of the participants will be receiving a personal DVD copy of the work.

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## Piñero Reading Room

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

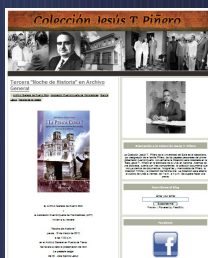
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