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**Sol Espinoza:**
Research Fellow, CLALS.
Sol Espinoza has more than 20 years of professional experience in the public and nonprofit sectors, including work in local government, at the U.S. Census Bureau, and at the Pew Research Center. Her research interests include ethnicity and immigration, labor and employment, entrepreneurship, social inequality (gender-race-class), family and marriage, geographic disparities, and the intersection of the economy, society, and public policy.

**Ricardo Torres:**
Visiting Researcher
Ricardo Torres is part of the Editorial Board of the Cuban Studies Journal and the International Journal of Cuban Studies. He develops his research around economic development, system reform, and industrial policies.

**Luis Gilberto Murillo:**
Colombian Ambassador to the United States.
Luis Gilberto Murillo is a policy and advocacy expert with 28 years of experience in the areas of environment, sustainable development, and peace building.

**Luiza Duarte:**
Research Fellow, Wilson Center, Brazil Institute.
Luiza Duarte is a journalist, producer, and political scientist. Her research interests include international relations, diplomacy, US-China-Brazil relations, media, cultural policies, environmental policies and national memory.

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