

BOYD MEMORIAL LECTURE

## **2008 Boyd Lecture After Fidel: Prospects for Improving U.S.-Cuban Relations**

April 2, 2008 One of the foremost experts on Cuba discussed the possibilities for improved relations between the United States and Cuba in the aftermath of Fidel Castro's decision to step down as Cuba's president. Peter Kornbluh, director of the [National Security Archive's Cuba Documentation Project](#), presented "After Fidel: Prospects for Improving U.S.-Cuban Relations" at 7 p.m. April 2, 2008. The lecture took place in the Christopher Center for Library and Information Resources and was free and open to the public. Kornbluh has written and edited several books sponsored by the Archives, including *The Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962* and *Bay of Pigs Declassified: The Secret CIA Report on the Invasion of Cuba*. His articles have been published in *Foreign Policy*, *The New York Times*, *New Yorker*, *Los Angeles Times* and numerous other journals and newspapers. He also has worked on and appeared in numerous documentary films, among them the Oscar-winning *Panama Deception* and the History Channel's *Bay of Pigs Declassified*. He served as producing consultant for the Discovery Times documentary *Kennedy and Castro: The Secret History*, based on his article *Kennedy and Castro: The Secret Quest for Accommodation*, which appeared in *Cigar Aficionado*. Previously, Kornbluh was co-director of the Archive's Iran-contra documentation project and director of its project on U.S. policy toward Nicaragua. On the 30th anniversary of the 1973 Chilean military coup, his book *The Pinochet File: A Declassified Dossier on Atrocity and Accountability* was published and selected by the *Los Angeles Times* as one of the best books of 2003. Kornbluh's visit is sponsored as part of the Valparaiso [Department of History's](#) Boyd Memorial Fund lecture series, established in honor of former history professor Willis Boyd.

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By Amanda Seligman April 11th, 2006

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