PLACA Documentary Series presents:

A New Cultural Renaissance in Afro-Latin America: Afro-Cuban Women Directors
Raíces de mi Corazón,
Directed by Gloria Rolando 51 minutes

Across the Americas there are new artistic forms and cultural productions, e.g., films that portray the history, the struggles, and the lives of black Latin Americans from a fresh angle. It is argued that these films reclaim lost or forgotten histories as well as present strong counter narratives to old forms of representation. Raíces de mi Corazón is an example of some of the new films that repositions our understanding of black Cuba. This talk will examine the work(s) of Afro-Cuban director Gloria Rolando whose films serves to more firmly place Afro-Cubans within the national identity of Cuba by reclaiming important historical events and personalities. The film to be viewed and discussed is Raíces de mi Corazón (Roots of my Heart, 51 minutes, 2001).

Presented by: Kwame Dixon
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Refreshments will be served.

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1:00-2:30 pm
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