

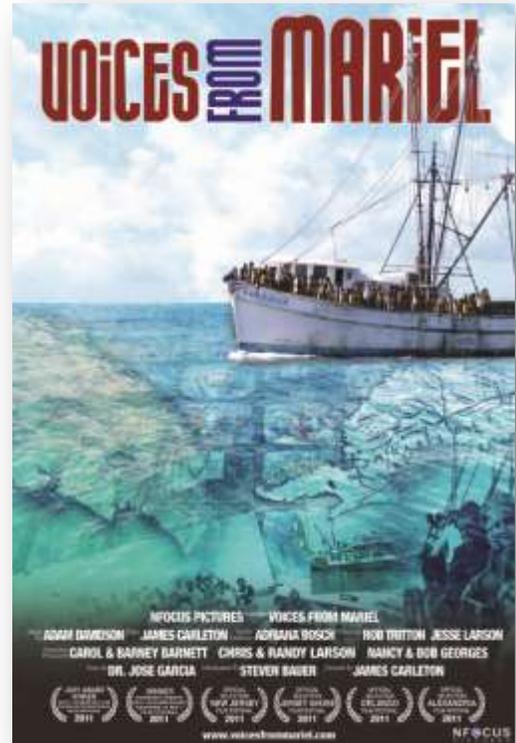
## 2011-2012 *Voices From Mariel* College Tour

*Voices From Mariel* is an award-winning documentary film which examines the immigration issues and fallout surrounding the Mariel boatlift on its thirty year anniversary. Guided by Dr. Jose Garcia, a Marielito who escaped from Cuba at the age of 13, a series of first person interviews lead the viewer through the dramatic journey of a people who were willing to risk everything for freedom.

The film is currently available for booking. Dr. Garcia will accompany the tour as a guest speaker to discuss current immigration and Latin America issues. **There is no booking fee for schools who cover travel costs for Dr. Garcia and allow DVD sales at the event.**

### Synopsis:

Discontented with political and economic oppression, 125,000 Cubans fled their homes through the port of Mariel and sailed to the United States in 1980. Thirty years later, one Marielito risks returning to a country that rejected him in search of friends and loved ones he left behind. Woven around his journey, other voices from Mariel tell stories of leaving their homeland and coming to the United States.



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**Dr. Jose Garcia** was born in Cuba and immigrated to the US with his parents and sister in 1980 as part of the Mariel Boatlift.

Dr. Garcia earned a degree in Political Science from Montclair State University, and a PhD in Latin American literature from the University of Arizona.

His dissertation, titled *La Literatura Cubanoamericana y Su Imagen*, was published in 2004 in a book of the same title. At FSC, Dr. Garcia created and implemented FSC's first Latin American Studies minor.

Dr. Garcia has presented his academic research at international conferences and published various articles and two books on the Cuban and Cuban-American experience in the US.



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### Technical Specifications:

Filming locations: USA, Cuba, Peru  
Language: English and Spanish with subtitles  
Running time: 80 min, Color  
Exhibition Formats Available: Blu-ray, DVD, QuickTime file