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Gustavo Pérez Firmat was born in Havana, Cuba. He was educated at Miami-Dade Community College, The University of Miami, and The University of Michigan, where he earned a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature. He taught at Duke University from 1978 to 1999 and is currently the David Feinson Professor in the Humanities at Columbia University. Pérez Firmat has been the recipient of fellowships from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the Mellon Foundation. In 2004 he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

His books of literary and cultural criticism include: *Saber de ausencia* (forthcoming); *A Cuban in Mayberry* (2014); *The Havana Habit* (2010); *Tongue Ties* (2003); *Cincuenta lecciones de exilio y desexilio* (2000; rev. ed. 2016); *My Own Private Cuba* (1999); *Life on the Hyphen* (1994; rev. ed. 2012; Spanish version: *Vidas en vilo*, 2000; rev. ed. 2015); *Do the Americas Have a Common Literature* (editor, 1990); *The Cuban Condition* (1989); *Literature and Liminality* (1986); *Idle Fictions* (1982; rev. ed. 1993). He has also published several collections of poetry in English and Spanish—*The Mayberry Chronicles* (2021), *Viejo verde* (2019); *The Last Exile* (2016); *Scar Tissue* (2005); *Bilingual Blues* (1995); *Equivocaciones* (1989); *Carolina Cuban* (1987)—a novel, *Anything but Love* (2000); and a memoir, *Next Year in Cuba* (1995; Spanish version: *El año que viene estamos en Cuba*, 1997). He edited Heberto Padilla's translations of English poets, *Poesía romántica inglesa* (2019), co-edited Padilla's *Fuera del juego* (2021) and the *Norton Anthology of Latino Literature* (2010). *Next Year in Cuba* was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in non-fiction; *Life on the Hyphen* was awarded the Eugene M. Kayden University Press National Book Award for 1994 and received Honorable Mention in the Modern Language Association's Katherine Singer Kovacs Prize and the Latin American Studies Association's Bryce Wood Book Award. *Sin lengua, deslenguado*, an annotated anthology of his imaginative writing, was published in 2017 in the Colección Letras Hispánicas of Ediciones Cátedra.

In 1995, Pérez Firmat was named Duke University Scholar/Teacher of the Year, Duke University's highest award for undergraduate teaching. In 1997 *Newsweek* included him among "100 Americans to watch for the 21st century" and *Hispanic Business Magazine* selected him as one of the "100 most influential Hispanics" in the United States. In 2004 Pérez Firmat was named one of New York's thirty "Outstanding Latinos" by *El Diario La Prensa*. In 2005 he was selected Educator of the Year by the National Association of Cuban American Educators. Pérez Firmat has been featured in the documentary *CubAmerican* and in the 2013 PBS series *Latino Americans*. In 2016 he was inducted into the Academia de la Historia de Cuba en el Exilio.

Education

Ph.D. University of Michigan, 1979
 M.A. University of Miami, 1973
 B.A. University of Miami, 1972
 A.A. Miami-Dade Community College, 1970

Employment

1999- Columbia University, David Feinson Professor in the Humanities
 1988-99 Duke University, Professor
 1983-88 Duke University, Associate Professor
 1979-83 Duke University, Assistant Professor
 1978-79 Duke University, Instructor
 1973-78 University of Michigan, Teaching Assistant
 1972-73 University of Miami, Teaching Assistant

2005 Visiting Professor, Yale University (Fall semester)
 2002 Visiting Professor, Emory University (Spring semester)
 1997 Wayne G. Basler Chair of Excellence, East Tennessee State University
 1983 Visiting Professor, Middlebury Language School (Summer)

Honors and Awards

“Dirty Old Man at the Supermarket” nominated for 2019 Pushcart Prize
 Elected to the Academia de la Historia de Cuba en el Exilio, 2016
 “Gustavo Pérez Firmat Day” in Louisville, Kentucky, October 27, 2016
 Finalist, Eric Hoffer Book Award for *A Cuban in Mayberry*, 2015
 International Merit Award, Poetry 2015 International Poetry Competition, 2015
 Finalist, James Baker Hall Memorial Prize in Poetry for “Land for Sale,” 2014.
 Honorable Mention, Accents Publishing 2014 Chapbook Contest for “The Mayberry
 Chronicles”
 Finalist, Jacar Press 2014 Chapbook Contest for “The Mayberry Chronicles”
 Featured writer, Eastern North Carolina Literary Homecoming, East Carolina University,
 September 2013.
 Emilia Bernal Prize for Literary Achievement, Emilia Bernal Foundation, 2012
 Institute of Latin American Studies Research Fellowship, Columbia University, 2008
 Díaz-Ayala Travel Fellowship, Florida International University, 2008
 Educator of the Year, National Association of Cuban American Educators, 2005
 “Spotlight Artist.” Raintiger.com, April 2005
 Elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2004
 “Él” Award, given by *El Diario La Prensa* to the “30 Outstanding Latinos” in New York
 City, 2004
 Honorary Board, Globe Link Productions, 2000
 “Palma Espinada” Prize, Southern Californian Cuban American Cultural Institute, 2000

Excellence Award, FACE [Facts About Cuban Exiles], 1996
 Duke University Scholar/Teacher of the Year, 1995
 Featured Writer, Blumenthal Writers and Readers Series, North Carolina Writers
 Network, 1995
 Eugene M Kayden University Press National Book Award for *Life on the Hyphen*, 1995
 Honorable Mention, Katherine Singer Kovacs Prize, Modern Language Association, for
Life on the Hyphen, 1995
 Honorable Mention, Bryce Wood Book Award, Latin American Studies Association, for
Life on the Hyphen, 1995
 Guggenheim Fellowship, 1985 (tenure 1986-87)
 National Endowment for the Humanities Senior Fellowship, 1985-86
 National Humanities Center Fellowship, 1985 (declined)
 Social Science Research Council Fellowship, 1985 (declined)
 Duke University Major Faculty Grant, 1985, 1991, 1994, 1997
 First Prize, Poetry, Hispanic Festival of the Arts, Miami, FL, August, 1983
 Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Duke University, 1981-82
 ACLS Fellowship for Recent Recipients of the Ph.D., 1981
 Duke University Summer Stipend, 1981, 1985, 1988, 1990
 Duke University Faculty Travel Grant, 1979
 Horace H. Rackham Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, 1977-78

Committees and Administration

Columbia University: Co-Editor of *Revista Hispánica Moderna* (2000-2005); Director of
 Graduate Studies (2002-2003); Duke University: Chair, Director of Graduate Studies,
 Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Romance Studies; Founder and Campus Director,
 Duke-in-Madrid; Faculty Sponsor, Unidad Latina (Hispanic Fraternity); Editorial
 Advisory Board, Duke University Press; Undergraduate Faculty Council of Arts and
 Sciences; Faculty Committee on the Status of Women at Duke; Faculty Grievance
 Committee.

Professional Service

Reader for university presses and other publishers, including: Duke University Press,
 Cambridge University Press, Continuum, George Mason University Press, University of
 North Carolina Studies in Romance Languages and Literatures, University of Iowa Press,
 University of Massachusetts Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, University of
 California Press, Oxford University Press, University of Virginia Press, University of
 Florida Press, Vanderbilt University Press, Eirik Borge Inc., Canadian Federation for the
 Humanities (Aid to Scholarly Publications Program), Heinle and Heinle, Arte Público
 Press, University of South Carolina Press, Houghton Mifflin, University of New Mexico
 Press, University of North Carolina Press, University of Arizona Press, Vanderbilt
 University Press, Yale University Press, Oxford University Press

Selection Committee, MLA Prize for Independent Scholars (2004-2005); Consultant,
 National Humanities Center (2003-2006); Special Consultant, John Simon Guggenheim

Memorial Foundation, Latin American Fellowship Program (1990-2005); Grants Evaluator, National Endowment for the Humanities (1989, 1990, 2009); Member of the MLA Executive Committee of the Division for 20th-Century Spanish Literature, 1989-1992.

Editorial and Advisory Boards

McGill-Queen's Iberian and Latin American Cultures; Hypermedia Press (2018-); *Anuario Histórico Cubanoamericano* (2017-); *Chiricú Journal: Latina/o Literatures, Arts and Cultures* (2016-); *Romance Notes* (2013-); *Encyclopedia of Latino and Latina History* (2010-2012); *Gulf Islands Review* (2010-); *Cuadernos de ALDEEU* (2010-); Paso de Barca. Los libros del Guaraguao (2010-); *La Habana Elegante* (2009-2017); *Global South* (2007-2008); *Review: Literature and Arts of the Americas* (2008-2016); *Romanic Review* (2006-2012); *Encuentro de la Cultura Cubana* (2006-2010); *Confluencia* (2006-); *Dissidences: Hispanic Journal of Theory and Criticism* (2005-); *South Atlantic Review* (2004-2006); Literature Advisory Board of the Americas Society (2002-2016); "Nuestra visión" literature series, Houghton Mifflin (2000-2005); *Revista Hispánica Moderna* (2006-); *Nepantla: Views from the South* (1999-2002); *Literary Imagination: The Review of the Association of Literary Scholars and Critics* (1999-2005); *Caribe: Revista de Cultura y Literatura* (1998-); Senior Project Advisor, "Viewing Race." National Video Resources (1997-1999); *Hopscotch: A Cultural Review* (1997-2001); Latin American and Caribbean Monograph Series, Florida International University (1987-1990); Cuban Literary Studies Monograph Series, University of Colorado (1983-2007); *The Americas Review* (1993-1999); *Revista de estudios colombianos y latinoamericanos* (1991-1995); *Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Review* (1991-2000); *Cuban Studies* (1990-1998; 2000-2004); *Siglo XX* (1989-1997); *Latin American Literary Review* (1985-1990); *Anales de la Literatura Española Contemporánea* (1985-2000); *Crítica Hispánica* (1982-2000).

Academic Advisory Council, Raíces de Esperanza, 2007.

Board of Advisors, Center for Free Inquiry, Hanover College, 2006.

Board of Advisors, National Association of Cuban American Educators, 2006.

Societies and Listings

American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese; Association of Literary Scholars and Critics; National Association of Cuban-American Educators; Centro Cultural Cubano de Nueva York; Phi Beta Kappa; Delta Sigma Pi; Directory of American Scholars; Who's Who in America; Who's Who Among Hispanic Americans; Who's Who Among America's Teachers; Diccionario biográfico de poetas cubanos en el exilio; Contemporary Authors; The Hispanic-American Almanac

Publications

Authored Books

Saber de ausencia. Lecturas de poetas cubanos (y algo más). Sevilla: Renacimiento, forthcoming.

[As “Ed Sawyer”] *The Mayberry Chronicles*. Poems. Georgetown, KY: Finishing Line Press, 2021.

Viejo Verde. Poems. Charlotte, NC: Main Street Rag Press, 2019.

Reviews:

Joy Landeira, *The Rocky Mountain Review of Language and Literature* 73.2 (Fall 2019): 223-225

Carlos Espinosa Domínguez, “Sobre la creación propia y la ajena,” *Cubaencuentro* (January 3, 2020).

<https://www.cubaencuentro.com/cultura/articulos/sobre-la-creacion-propia-y-la-ajena-336685>

Sin lengua, deslenguado. Ed. Ángel Esteban and Yannelys Aparicio. Madrid: Ediciones Cátedra, 2017.

Reviews:

Joy Landeira, *The Rocky Mountain Review of Language and Literature* 71.2 (2017): 240-41.

Carlos Espinosa Domínguez, “Dos lenguas, mejor que una,” *Cubaencuentro* (October 29, 2017). <https://www.cubaencuentro.com/cultura/articulos/dos-lenguas-mejor-que-una-331007>

Víctor Carreño, *Latin American Literature Today* (August 2019).

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The Last Exile. Poems. Georgetown, KY: Finishing Line Press, 2016.

Reviews:

Carlos Espinosa Domínguez, “Envejecer es duro oficio,” *Cubaencuentro* (May 26, 2017). <http://www.cubaencuentro.com/cultura/articulos/envejecer-es-duro-oficio-329441>

A Cuban in Mayberry: Looking Back at America’s Hometown. Austin: The University of Texas Press, 2014.

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The eBullet: Official Newsletter of The Andy Griffith Show Rerun Watchers Club 14.5 (September 2014). http://tagsrwc.com/the_ebullet/2014/09/

Cliff Bellamy, “A Cuban Looks at Mayberry.” *The Herald-Sun*, October 31, 2014. <http://www.heraldsun.com/lifestyles/books/x1476702630/A-Cuban-looks-at-Mayberry>

- Jessy Krupa, "A Cuban in Mayberry Travels from a America's Hometown to an All-American Nowhere," *PopMatters*, December 29, 2014.
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- Miles Smith IV, "March Read of the Month: A Cuban in Mayberry," *Southern Literary Review*, March 11, 2015.
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- Rochelle Sara Miller, "The Andy Griffith Show Receives Scholarly Attention," April 27, 2015 <http://www.rochellesaramiller.com/?tag=a-cuban-in-mayberry>
- Adriana Méndez Rodena, *Review: Literature and Arts of the Americas* 48.1 (2015): 150-151.
- Michele Shaul, *South Atlantic Review* 79.3-4 (2015): 219-221.
- Joy Landeira, *Rocky Mountain Review* 69.2 (2015): 298-300.
- Carmen Gabriela Febles, "Exploring the Limits of Transculturation: Gustavo Pérez Firmat's *A Cuban in Mayberry*," *Caribe* 17.1-2 (2014-2015): 113-126.
- Kristi L. Ulibarri. "Mapping North Carolina, Locating Latinidad." *North Carolina Literary Review Online* 2016. <https://issuu.com/eastcarolina/docs/2016-nclronline-final/48>
- Sara K. Eskridge, *The Journal of Southern History* 82.2 (2016): 480-481.
- Jorge Febles, *Hispania* 99.2 (2016): 351-352.

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Reviews:

- Jay Freeman, *Booklist*, September 25, 2010: 21-22.
- Boyd Childress, *Library Journal*, October 1, 2010: 92.
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- Carlos Espinosa Domínguez, "Historia de un amor disfuncional," *Cubaencuentro*, December 24, 2010. <http://www.cubaencuentro.com>
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- A.M. Stock, *Choice* 48.9 (May 2011).
- Rafael Rojas, "Fantasía habanera," *Los libros del crepúsculo*, February 2, 2011.
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- Olga Connor, "El hábito de La Habana," *El Nuevo Herald*, February 13, 2011.
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 José Manuel Prieto, *Review: Literature and Arts of the Americas* 85 (2012): 276-278.
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Tony Évora. *Encuentro de la Cultura Cubana* 20 (Spring 2001): 333-335.

Jorge Rodríguez-Flórida. *Hispania* 86 (2003): 70-71.

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Reviews:

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Olga Connor. *El Nuevo Herald* 9 April 2000: 1-E.

Lourdes Gil. *Encuentro de la Cultura Cubana* 16/17 (Winter/Spring 2000): 216-217.

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Isabel Álvarez Borland. *Caribe* 1.3 (2000): 123-126.

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Humberto López Cruz. *South Atlantic Review* 65 (2000): 220-222; *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* 18 December 2000: 48.

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Reviews:

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Patricia Pardiñas Barnes. *Caribe* 3.2 (2000): 94-98.

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Carrillo, Leonel. “Pérez Firmat y *Anything But Love*: El lenguaje y la biculturalidad,” *Confluencia* 21.1 (2005): 240-242.

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Reviews:

Encuentro de la Cultura Cubana 16/17 (Spring/Summer 2000): 264.

William Siemens. *World Literature Today* 74.3 (Summer 2000): 681.
 Juan Manuel Fierro. *Estudios filológicos* 35 (2000): 234-236.
 Carlota Caulfield. *Latin American Research Review* 37.3 (2002): 240-243.
 Madeline Cámara. *Cuban Studies* 34 (2003): 202-203.

El año que viene estamos en Cuba. Houston: Arte Público Press, 1997. [Author's Spanish-language version of *Next Year in Cuba*.]

Reviews:

Luis Aguilar León. "El año que viene estamos en Cuba." *El Nuevo Herald* 21 January 1997: A-9.
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Reviews:

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 Jorge Ibáñez. *Baneke* 3 (1995): 6-7.
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 Mark Falcoff. "World of Their Fathers." *Washington Post Book World* 3 September 1995: 7.
 Orlando Alomá. "Pondering the Essential Question of Cuban Exile: What If...?" *The Miami Herald* 3 September 1995: I-3.
 Janet St. John. *Booklist* 15 September 1995: 129.
 Aleida Durán. "El año que viene, en Cuba." *La Razón* 22 September 1995: 4.
 Alisa Valdés. "Haunted by a Land He Hardly Knew." *Boston Globe* 25 September 1995: 32.
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 Teresa Hernández. "An Exile's Tale." *Grand Rapids Press* 5 November 1995.
 Bob Trimble. *The Dallas Morning News* 22 October 1995: 8-J.
 Mari Rodríguez Ichaso. "Inolvidables Memorias." *Vanidades* 19 December 1995: 17.
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Reviews:

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Reviews:

Publishers Weekly 11 July, 1994: 73.
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 José Schraibman. *Revista de estudios hispánicos* 33.1 (1996): 156-158.
 Virginia Domínguez. *New West Indian Guide* 70 (1996): 283-290.
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 Paula Shirley. *Melus* 23 (Spring 1998): 182-184.
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Reviews:

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Reviews:

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University of Florida (April 1998); East Tennessee State University (four lectures, Fall 1997); Auburn University (May 1997); University of Illinois (February 1996); Appalachian State University (February 1996); Florida State University (October 1993); Amherst College (April 1993); Pomona College (November 1992); University of Kentucky (October 1992); Davidson College (four lectures, Fall 1991); University of Colorado (November 1991); Davidson College (April 1991); University of Pittsburgh (March 1991); University of Michigan (February 1991); UCLA (February 1991); Colby College (October 1990); Georgetown University (August 1990); Cornell University (April 1990); University of Pennsylvania (November 1989); Meredith College (April 1989); Cornell University (April 1989); Purdue University (April 1989); Rutgers University (October 1988); University of Pennsylvania (March 1988); Princeton University (March 1988); Amherst College (November 1987); University of Kansas (October 1987); Florida International University (three lectures, June and July 1987); Vanderbilt University (February 1986); Brandeis University (March 1985); University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (April 1984); Hamilton College (March 1982).

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