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A writer and scholar, Cuban-born Gustavo Pérez Firmat is David Feinson Professor Emeritus of Humanities at Columbia University, where he taught from 1999 to 2022. Before going to Columbia, he taught at Duke University from 1978 to 1999. 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 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 1997 *Newsweek* included him among “100 Americans to watch for the 21<sup>st</sup> century” and *Hispanic Business Magazine* selected him as one of the “100 most influential Hispanics” in the United States. In 2004 Pérez Firmat was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and 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 1995 Pérez Firmat was named Duke University Scholar/Teacher of the Year, Duke University’s highest award for undergraduate teaching.

His books of literary and cultural criticism include: *Saber de ausencia* (Renacimiento, 2022); *A Cuban in Mayberry* (Texas, 2014); *The Havana Habit* (Yale, 2010); *Tongue Ties* (Palgrave, 2003); *Cincuenta lecciones de exilio y desexilio* (Universal 2000; rev. ed., Hypermedia, 2016); *My Own Private Cuba* (Colordado, 1999); *Life on the Hyphen* (Texas, 1994; rev. ed. 2012; Spanish version: *Vidas en vilo*, Colibría, 2000); *Do the Americas Have a Common Literature* (editor, Duke, 1990); *The Cuban Condition* (Cambridge, 1989); *Literature and Liminality* (Duke, 1986); *Idle Fictions* (Duke, 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* (Anchor, 1995; Spanish version: *El año que viene estamos en Cuba*, Arte Público, 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 poetry, was published in 2017 in the Colección Letras Hispánicas of Ediciones Cátedra. *My Favorite Monster and Other Poems*, his selection and translation of poems by Luis Alberto de Cuenca, appeared in 2024.

He has published more than 150 essays and reviews in scholarly journals, among them: *Daedalus: Journal of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences*, *PMLA*, *Hispanic Review*, *Romanic Review*, *Cuadernos Hispanoamericanos*, *Insula*, *Anales de la Literatura Española Contemporánea*, *Cuban Studies*, *Diario de Cuba*, *Hypermedia Magazine*, *Anuario Histórico Cubanoamericano*, *Rialta Magazine*, *Cuadernos de ALDEEU*, *Revista Iberoamericana*, *Baquiana*, *North Carolina Literary Review*, *Caribe: Revista de Cultura y Literatura*, *Guaraguao: Revista de Cultura Latinoamericana*, *Review: Literature and Arts of the Americas*, *Encuentro de la Cultura Cubana*, *Primera Revista Latinoamericana de Letras*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Symposium*, *Revista de Estudios Hispánicos*, *Otrolunes*, *Mandora: Nueva escritura de las Américas*, *Hispania*, *Hanover Quarterly*, *Linden Lane Magazine*, *La Habana Elegante*, *South Atlantic Review*, *MLN*, *Hopscotch*, *ANQ: A Quarterly Journal*, *Colby Quarterly*, *Lazarillo: Revista Literaria y Cultural*, *Latin American Literary Review*, *Dispositio*, *La Palabra y el Hombre*, *Chasqui*, *Romance Quarterly*, *Callaloo: A Journal of Afro-American and African Arts and Letters*, *Caribbean Review*, *Notebooks in Cultural Analysis*, *Diacritics*, *Los ensayistas*, *Essays in Literature*, *Comparative Literature Studies*, *Genre*, *Romance Notes*, *Hispanófila*.

His imaginative writing, which has twice been nominated for a Pushcart Prize, has appeared in many journals, anthologies and text books, including: *Ploughshares*, *Carolina Quarterly*, *Hispanic Magazine*, *The Paris Review*, *The Baltimore Review*, *Latina, Review*, *The Washington Post Book World*, *New Southerner*, *Michigan Quarterly Review*, *The Oxford Book of Caribbean Verse*, *The Prentice Hall Anthology of Latino Literature*, *Herencia: The Anthology of Hispanic Literature in the United States*, *Iguana Dreams: An Anthology of Contemporary Hispanic-American Fiction*, *Looking Out, Looking In: Anthology of Latino Poetry*, *En otra voz: Antología de la literatura hispana de los Estados Unidos*, *Linden Lane Magazine*, *Mariel*, *The Bilingual Review*, *The Americas Review*, *Caribbean Review*, *Barrios and Borderlands: Cultures of Latinos and Latinas in the United States*, *La poesía de las dos orillas*, *La poesía cubana del exilio*, *Poesía cubana: La isla entera*, *La isla en su tinta: Antología de la poesía cubana*, *Paper Dance: 52 Latino Poets*, *Little Havana Blues: A Cuban-American Literature Anthology*, *Las Mamis: Favorite Latino Authors Remember Their Mothers*, *Noche Buena: Hispanic American Christmas Stories*, *American Diaspora: Poetry of Exile*, *Glencoe Hispanic Literature Anthology*, *Cubanísimo: The Vintage Book of Contemporary Cuban Literature*, *Burnt Sugar / Caña quemada: Contemporary Cuban Poetry in English and Spanish*, *Las Christmas: Favorite Latino Authors Share Their Holiday Memories*, *Blues*

*Poems, Growing Up in the South; Latino Thought: Culture, Politics and Society, Encounters: Poems About Race, Ethnicity and Identity, Writing Toward Hope: The Literature of Human Rights in Latin America, Panoramas Literarios: America Hispana, Puntos de partida, Introduction To Critical Reading, Dos mundos: A Communicative Approach, Qué tal?, Approaching Literature in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; Fuentes: Lectura y redacción, American Contexts: Multicultural Readings for Composition.*

## Education

Ph.D. University of Michigan, 1979  
 M.A. University of Miami, 1973  
 B.A. University of Miami, 1971  
 A.A. Miami-Dade Community College, 1969

## Academic Positions

2022	David Feinson Professor Emeritus of Humanities, Columbia University
1999-2022	David Feinson Professor in the Humanities, Columbia University
1988-99	Professor, Duke University
1983-88	Associate Professor, Duke University
1979-83	Assistant Professor, Duke University
1978-79	Instructor, Duke University
1973-78	Teaching Assistant, University of Michigan
1971-73	Teaching Assistant, University of Miami
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

“In the Meantime,” selected for *The Best Literary Translations*, 2024.  
 “My Two Voices” nominated for Pushcart Prize, 2022  
 “Moses” selected for *The Best Literary Translations*, 2022  
 “Dirty Old Man at the Supermarket” nominated for Pushcart Prize, 2019  
 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

## Publications

### Authored Books

*Saber de ausencia. Lecturas de poetas cubanos (y algo más)*. Sevilla: Renacimiento, 2022.

#### Reviews:

Carlos Espinosa Domínguez, “Cosecha de dos huertos, *Cubaencuentro*, February 4, 2022.

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 Hugo García González, *Hispanófila* 199 (Fall 2023): 157-59.

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*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).

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*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).

[https://latinamericanliteraturetoday.org/book\\_review/sin-lengua-deslenguado-gustavo-perez-firmat/](https://latinamericanliteraturetoday.org/book_review/sin-lengua-deslenguado-gustavo-perez-firmat/)

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Reviews:

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

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Jorge Febles, *Hispania* 99.2 (2016): 351-352.

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## **Literary Readings**

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