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The New School's Institute for Retired Professionals Travels to Cuba to Commemorate 50 Years of Lifelong Learning

BOSTON (December 10, 2012) —The Institute for Retired Professionals (IRP) is pleased to celebrate its 50th anniversary this academic year and is commemorating this achievement with a special adventure for its students. This January, 40 IRP members will fly to Havana on an eight-night program on the *Cuban Art Revolution: Meeting the Artists and People of Cuba* for an intimate and insightful look at the arts, dance and music of Cuba.

The program, offered by Road Scholar, is part of a yearlong series of events and programs to celebrate the school's milestone achievement. IRP was founded in 1962 as the first peer-learning program for retirees in the U.S. It began when a group of retired New York City teachers asked the New School to collaborate in designing a program for retired and semi-retired people seeking intellectual stimulation and ways to explore new areas of interest. Today it has grown to include 300 members attending more than 60 Study Groups each year.

“As we discussed developing a plan that would include a full year of activities to celebrate our 50th anniversary, members proposed this special program with Road Scholar and excitement grew around the possibility of traveling to Cuba to learn firsthand about its history and culture,” says Michael Markowitz, executive director of the IRP. “Road Scholar has been around almost as long as we have. With both of our missions aligned on offering opportunities for adults to learn, it was a natural fit.”

The IRP has also coordinated a study group focusing on Cuban history and culture to broaden their knowledge and background on the country and maximize the travel experience.

“We’re thrilled to welcome the IRP members on our Cuba program,” says Steve Lembke, vice president of institutional advancement at Road Scholar. “We are honored that they have chosen to experience this educational adventure to celebrate 50 years of offering high-quality opportunities for adults to learn.”

For more information about the IRP, their 50th Anniversary, or the pre-program study group, contact irp@newschool.edu.

For more information on the Road Scholar program to Cuba, visit www.roadscholar.org/20610.

About IRP

The Institute for Retired Professionals (IRP) provides a stimulating and supporting environment for serious peer learning to people of all backgrounds interested in intellectual exploration. The IRP encourages students to challenge themselves by taking part in study groups, and by assuming academic and administrative leadership roles. The IRP is open to retired or semiretired people who want to participate actively in cooperative learning and instruction. For more information, visit www.newschool.edu/irp/.

About Road Scholar

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