The Cold War at Camp Kilmer: Hungarian ‘56ers, Cubans, and US Refugee Policy in New Jersey

March 2, 2016  8:45 am – 5:00 pm
Scholarly Communication Center, Alexander Library, Rutgers University
169 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

8:45 am  Introduction

9:00 am  Carl Bon Tempo (SUNY-Albany), “From Hungary, New Americans?: The United States and the Reception of Hungarian Immigrants, 1956-57”

10:00 am  Rutgers Oral History Archives (ROHA), “Hungarian Refugee Experiences from the Rutgers Oral History Archives,” prepared by Shaun Illingworth

10:45 am  Coffee break

11:00 am  From the Rutgers Archives
James P. Niessen (Rutgers University), “The Processing of Hungarian Refugees at Camp Kilmer, 1956-7”
Judit Hajnal Ward (Rutgers University), “The Rutgers English Program for Hungarian Refugee Scientists in 1957”

12:15 pm  Lunch

1:15 pm  Felix Masud-Piloto (DePaul University), “Cold War Surprises: Revolutions and Refugee Crises in Latin America”


3:00 pm  Kathleen López (Rutgers University), “Diversity in Diaspora: Cuban Cold War Refugees in New Jersey”

3:45 pm  Coffee break

4:00 pm  “South Pacific Immigrants in the New Jersey Labor Force: A Seabrook Farms Slideshow” prepared by Andrew Urban (Rutgers University)

4:30 pm  Conclusion