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ANNUAL  
MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Beaufort Branch Library

311 Scott Street, Beaufort, SC

A short business meeting will be followed by a  
Special Presentation by Dr. James Shinn,  
Assistant Professor of History, USCB.

### **"Americans and 'Free Cuba':**

The Pre-history of the Spanish-American War  
1868-1898



**Dr. James Shinn**

*Light  
refreshments  
will be served.*

"In October 1868, when Cuban rebels rose up against Spanish rule and declared their intention to abolish slavery, Americans were electrified. Thousands signed petitions and marched in the streets, urging the U.S. government to do everything in its power to help "Free Cuba." Why were Americans so interested in the first stirrings of the Cuban struggle for independence? What can the "Free Cuba" movement of the 1860s and 1870s tell us about the United States after the Civil War? This lecture will explore a pivotal but largely forgotten episode in the history of the U.S. foreign relations."