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The Caribbean Research Institute and the
Department of Anthropology
proudly presents:

**Dr. Mirjana Roksandic and
Dr. Yadira Chinique De Armas**

“New Research in Bioarchaeology of Cuba and the Caribbean”

We discuss major unknowns in Caribbean archaeology from bioarchaeology perspective, present new research stemming out of the Caribbean Research Institute and some new approaches to understanding the complexity of peopling of the Caribbean. These new developments focus on human skeletal remains. Understood as ancestors, human skeletal remains provide us with a glimpse into the lived experience of an individual, population dynamics and demography, but also into the societies’ construction of ancestors and agency in mortuary ritual. We will present results from the last field season in Playa del Mango (Cauto region, Cuba) and new methodological approaches to weaning and breastfeeding practices.



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Mirjana Roksandic (PhD Simon Fraser University) is a biological anthropologist whose main research topics include Pleistocene hominin evolution in Europe and mortuary ritual among sedentary and semi-sedentary archaeological hunter-gatherers. She has two active international projects: one in Serbia focusing on hominins excavated in Paleolithic caves, and the other in Cuba where she is working on questions of mortuary practice and ritual continuity.

Yadira Chinique de Armas (Ph.D. University of Havana) is a Postdoctoral Researcher and an Adjunct Professor at the Department of Anthropology, University of Winnipeg with expertise in human skeletal biology, paleobotany, and stable isotope analysis. Her research interest focuses on the interaction between ancient populations and their environment, with emphasis in their subsistence strategies and food consumption patterns. She is interested in the different ways in which humans adapt to their environment and how it influences their biology and culture. Her current research deals with the origins of agriculture in The Antilles, the cultural and biological differences among Caribbean aboriginal populations and the biological and cultural determinants of breastfeeding and weaning processes in ancient groups.