



1960s Colombia: Cold War & Culture

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In Colombia, as across the Americas, the 1960s was a decade of change. As the global Cold War was then intensifying, regional groups with revolutionary objectives (FARC, ELN, EPL) took inspiration from abroad and mounted new challenges to the Colombian state. Much of the armed conflict of the decade played out in rural areas with all sides appealing for campesino support, but urban centers became a different type of battleground. There, educational and cultural programming targeted the urban middle class to counteract support for revolution, and in the climate of the Cold War, international influences were strong. This talk examines cultural collaboration in 1960s Bogotá between the Colombian and US governments as well as their citizens. It focuses on film, art and educational programs that were designed to appeal to the middle class and contain the ascendant radical alternatives.

Dr. Dave Corcoran is an Assistant Professor of History and the Coordinator of Social Studies Education at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma - the capital of the Cherokee Nation. A career educator, who lives in Tulsa and calls Maine home, he has taught history in universities and secondary schools in rural and urban communities across the country. He has lived and taught in Colombia and Ecuador as well. Dave's research interests form around the intersection of inter-American relations and education in the mid-20th century. Dave is a graduate of the University of New Mexico and a red chile fanatic.



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