

# AFRO-CUBANS

## BIOGRAPHIES



**Leonardo Calvo Cárdenas** was born in Cuba in 1963. He earned a degree in Contemporary History from the University of Havana (1986), and worked as a specialist at the Museum of the City of Havana from 1987 to 1991. In 1991, he was excluded from working at any official cultural institution because of his open criticism of the Cuban government. He has been a columnist and published hundreds of articles about politics, history, sociology and economics in various online Cuban digital news platforms. He is a member of the Citizens' Committee for Racial Integration (CIR), an independent civil society organization based in Havana that advocate for greater racial equality in Cuba.

**Manuel Cuesta Morúa** was born in Cuba in 1962. He has a degree in Contemporary History and did post-graduate studies in political science, economics, international relations, and anthropology. In 1991, he was expelled from his job at the Casa de Africa Museum due to his political ideas. That same year, he joined the independent Cuban Socialist Democratic Current. In 1996, he was elected Secretary General of the Socialist Democratic Current. One of Cuba's most prominent opposition leaders, Cuesta Morúa is currently the National Coordinator of the social democratic party Arco Progresista, a member of the Citizens' Committee for Racial Integration (CIR), and a frequent contributor to numerous Cuban and foreign publications.

**Rafel Campoamor** was born in Cuba in 1961. He studied engineering in Cuba, economics in Moscow, information technology in Paris, and worked for 20 years in Europe directing information technology projects for Capgemini, Steria, and Soleri-Cigel. Campoamor is Founder and President of the NGO EmpoderaCuba, whose mission is to close the digital divide in Cuba and help empower Cuban citizens through technology. He also organized a freedom-through-technology festival in Havana titled Festival Click. He is a member of the Citizens' Committee for Racial Integration [CIR] and of SOS Racism in France.

