

# Felix Pradas-Bergnes

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A top-rated native Spanish speaker, with extensive experience crafting and delivering persuasive, concise, culturally-relevant articles for Latin communities.

Ten years of experience mapping and exploiting social media outlets (Twitter, Facebook, YouTube).

Twenty-eight years of experience managing SIGINT and Open Source collection, translation, serial and FYI reports and analytic writing -- to include innovative Red Cell reports and OSE official website content management and technical review, implementation and training of OSE's PRINCE and DAVE software.

The Intelligence Community's recognized subject matter expert on Cuba, with a known track record for producing relevant and innovative reports and highly effective presentations.

**Security Clearances:** Top Secret (SCI) 1984-1990, Secret 1990-2017.  
Successfully completed Polygraph test on September 2016.

## Work History:

**1980–1984 USAF Forward Air Controller** with the Tactical Air Command at various CONUS locations and one ROK deployment.

**1984-1990 USAF Cryptologist Linguist** at the 6947<sup>th</sup> Electronic Security Squadron. Expert SIGINT officer, trainer and flight chief (Key West, FL).

**December 1990-September 2012 Open Source Center officer.** Subject matter expert on Cuba and the Caribbean media, analyst, trainer, and video production (Key West, FL).

**September 2012-March 2014 Open Source Center Liaison Officer to the Joint Inter-Agency Task Force South (JIATF-S).** Translations and joint reports on Central America social media in conjunction with JIAFTS' OSINT team (Key West, FL).

*(Retired from Federal Service on March 2014)*

**November 2014-2016 JIATF-S J5 MISO Officer.** Responsible for the speedy and accurate design of customized target messaging, logos, graphics and social media products.

**2016-To Present JIATF-S J2 Trainer.** Responsible for the design and delivery of courses on OSINT and Effective Analytic Writing. Responsible for the design of graphics and newsletter template and review and update of content and effectiveness of J2 course content.

## **Education:**

**University of Puerto Rico (1976-1979):** Architecture School Design, Graphics, Engineering, Art History, Humanities, Advanced placement Spanish Literature.

**Various USAF Schools (1980-1990):** Tactical Air Command Forward Air Controller School, Cryptologist Linguist School, NCO Leadership Academy.

**Various Open Source Center courses (1990-2012):** Hidden Universes of the Internet, Media Resonance, Team Building Training, Web Content Management, Analytic Tradecraft, Video Processing, Visual Persuasion.

**Additional courses:** Lay Ministry, Fundamental Theology, Introduction to Scriptures by the Archdiocese of Miami.

**Self-taught:** 3D virtual design and basic scripting.

## **Work Highlights:**

Personal commendations from former CIA Director Michael Hayden and former Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez.

Commendation for coverage of the Havana riots and refugee crisis of 1994.

Early mapping of web presence of Cuban dissidence.

OSC Cuban Leadership Charts from 2009 to 2013.

Featured expert at Foreign Service Institute presentation on Future Cuban Leadership, 2012.

First ground-breaking application of Generational Dynamics Theory to Cuba, 2013.

Featured expert at CIA HQ conference on Cuba, 2014.

## **Social Involvement:**

- Volunteer support for military, local authorities in processing Cuban rafters.
- Ad Doc Designer, Community Event Organizer, Community Instructor, Homilist, and Master of Ceremony at the Basilica of Saint Mary Star of the Sea.
- Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the San Carlos Institute.