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Franz Boas's in 'Porto Rico' (1915): Jíbaro Folk Tales and Legends

A talk by Dr. Rafael Ocasio

This presentation describes his book, *Race and Nation in Puerto Rican Folklore: Franz Boas and John Alden Mason in Porto Rico* (Rutgers University Press, 2020), which offers a critical view of Boas's historic trip to Puerto Rico in 1915. Dr. Ocasio will also discuss some of the special categories of folk tales that Boas and Mason presented as examples of representations of a well-grounded Puerto Rican identity.

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