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SARASOTA--A Haitian who was once a superior of the present dictator will give a two-day seminar on that Caribbean nation at New College Monday and Tuesday.

Remy Bastien, now doing special research at the University of Florida, will spend both days meeting with students and discussing all aspects of Haitian life.

In 1942, Bastien was named secretary general of the new Haitian Bureau of Ethnology and Dr. Francois Duvalier was one of the assistants. Duvalier went on to become a dictator over the tiny nation.

Bastien was educated at the College Saint Martial of Port-au-Prince, later took his M.A. at the Escuela Nacional de Antropologia e Historia in Mexico on a Rockefeller Foundation fellowship and then took his Ph.D. cum laude at the same institution in 1951 on a Wenner-Gren Foundation grant.

He has served Haiti as a diplomat, scholar and teacher and has taught at the university level in Mexico, Haiti, Puerto Rico, and Colombia. He was formerly Chief of Studies of the Pan American Union Interamerican Housing and Planning Center in Bogota.

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Bastien has written a number of books on Haitian and Caribbean life including one on voodoo and its relationship to politics in Haitian life.

At present, Bastien is working on research under a Guggenheim Fellowship and making use of the extensive Latin American library at the University of Florida.