John Lawrence Tone, associate professor, History, Technology and Society, has just released his newest book *War and Genocide in Cuba, 1895-1898*. Come meet the author at a book signing event at Barnes & Noble Bookstore, March 13, 2006 at 5:00pm.

From 1895 to 1898, Cuban insurgents fought to free their homeland from Spanish rule. Though often overshadowed by the “Splendid Little War” of the Americans in 1898, according to John Lawrence Tone, the longer Spanish-Cuban conflict was in fact more remarkable, foreshadowing the wars of decolonization in the twentieth century.

Employing newly release evidence - including hospital records, intercepted Cuban letters, battle diaries from both sides, and Spanish administrative records - Tone offers new answers to old questions concerning the war. He examines the origin of Spain’s genocidal policy of “reconcentration”; the causes of Spain’s military difficulties; the condition, effectiveness, and popularity of the Cuban insurgency; the necessity of American intervention; and Spain’s supposed foreknowledge of defeat.

The Spanish-Cuban-American war proved pivotal in the histories of all three countries involved. Tone’s fresh analysis will provoke new discussions and debates among historians and human rights scholars as they reexamine the war in which the concentration camp was invented, Cuba was born, Spain lost its empire, and America gained on overseas empire.

“Tone deals with not only the military aspects of the Cuban-Spanish-American war, but also the internal political complexities of those countries and the social and economic backdrop on which the story unfolds….Tone masters all of these fields.” - José Álvarez Junco, Centro de Estudios Políticos y Constitucionales, Madrid