A Roundtable on Contemporary Spanish and Latin American Literature

A lunchtime roundtable discussion with Bruce Boggs, Arturo Gutiérrez, and Nancy LaGreca—three faculty members from OU’s Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics—followed by a Q&A with the panelists, moderated by Daniel Simon. A brown-bag lunch will be provided. Reservations are required and seating is limited. Please RSVP to Ronda Martin (rkmartin@ou.edu) in the Department of International & Area Studies.

Bruce Boggs is Associate Professor of Spanish in the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics at the University of Oklahoma. Professor Boggs began teaching at OU in 1995 after receiving his PhD from the University of Texas at Austin. A specialist in nineteenth- and twentieth-century Spanish literature, Boggs’s recent publications have focused on the interrelations between music culture and literary texts in modern Spain and have been funded by the Program of Cultural Cooperation between American Universities and the Spanish Ministry of Culture, Education and Sports.

Nancy LaGreca is Chair and Associate Professor of 19th century Latin American literature in the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics at the University of Oklahoma. Her research seeks to discover how intellectuals of the 19th and early 20th centuries sought to define themselves in the face of strong nationalist discourses of ideal citizenship. Her book *Rewriting Womanhood* (Penn State UP, 2009) is a historical and literary study of the ways that women novelists sought to redefine the feminine by writing intelligent, dynamic, early feminist heroines. *Erotic Mysticism and modernismo: Subversion and Transcendence in Spanish American Prose, 1894–1922*, the book she’s currently writing, is a philosophical and psychoanalytic study of the subversive political power of nontheistic erotic mysticism in the novels and essays of key modernista writers.

Arturo Gutiérrez-Plaza, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Spanish in OU’s Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Linguistics is Professor in the Language and Literature Department at the Universidad Simón Bolívar, Venezuela. Dr. Gutiérrez-Plaza has published several books of literary scholarship and anthologies, including *Itinerarios de la ciudad en la poesía venezolana: una metáfora del cambio* (2010); *Formas en Fuga: Antología poética de Juan Calzadilla* (2010); *Las palabras necesarias: Muestra antológica de poesía venezolana del siglo XX* (2010); and *Lecturas desplazadas: Encuentros hispanoamericanos con Cervantes y Góngora* (2009). As a prizewinning poet, he has also authored several verse collections: *Al margen de las hojas* (1991), *Principios de contabilidad* (2000), *Pasado en limpio* (2006), and *Cuidados intensivos* (2007). His other distinctions include an Honorary Fellowship for the Spanish and Portuguese Program of Artistic and Creative Residences in Mexico, support from the National Fund for Culture and Arts (Mexico) and the Spanish Agency of International Cooperation for Development (Spain).

Lunch will be served. RSVP to rkmartin@ou.edu

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