Cultural, Literary, and Visual Voyages 1492 - Present
April 5-6, 2013

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures and the Graduate Students of Spanish at The Catholic University of America cordially invite you to participate in our upcoming Graduate Student Conference April 5-6, 2013. The organizing committee will accept 20-minute paper presentations from graduate students in Spanish or English. Papers should deal with Hispanic texts from any time period or geo-cultural sphere. We additionally welcome proposals that deal with the impact that art, film and music has on literary texts.

Deadline for abstract submissions: Friday, January 4, 2013

Email address for submissions: CuaGradConference2013@gmail.com

Kindly limit your abstract to 250 words and submit it in PDF format. It may be written in Spanish or English. Please include the following information on the first page of your submission: name of presenter, presentation title, affiliated institution, e-mail, telephone number, mailing address, and a brief professional sketch.

Papers: Papers may be presented in English or Spanish and are limited to (8-10) pages, double-spaced, in an effort to maintain the allotted twenty minutes for each presentation. Group panels are also welcome.

Registration Fee: The registration fee for each participant is $50. Upon confirmation of your participation in the conference (you will be notified by email in January), payment should be made by credit card, online at http://modernlanguages.cua.edu/news/. Click on FOR REGISTRATION for the MLL Graduate Student Conference to process your payment (due by Friday, January 25, 2013).

Accommodations/Housing: A limited number of low-cost housing is available near the Catholic University of America campus. Please contact CuaGradConfHousing@gmail.com for more information.
About the Keynote speaker:
Dr. Sara Poot-Herrera, Ph.D., El Colegio de México
Professor of Spanish at the University of California Santa Barbara

Dr. Sara Poot-Herrera specializes in Mexican and Spanish American Literature. She is the author of *Un giro en espiral, el proyecto literario de Juan José Arreola*. She is the editor and coauthor of *Y diversa de mí misma entre vuestras plumas ando, un Homenaje internacional a Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz* (El Colegio de México); *Sor Juana y su mundo. Una mirada actual; El cuento mexicano, un Homenaje a Luis Leal; En gustos se comen géneros del Congreso Internacional Comida y Literatura* (3 vols.); *Cien años de lealtad en honor a Luis Leal; Realidades y Fantasías*, the Ninth Colloquium on Mexican Literature in Memoriam Tim McGovern (1965-2006); and author of *Los guardaditos de Sor Juana*. She has written over one hundred publications, including books, book chapters and papers. Her articles on Juan José Arreola, Carlos Fuentes, Juan Rulfo, Jaime Torres Bodet, Josefina Vicens, Carlos Fuentes, Elena Poniatowska, Sergio Pitol, José Emilio Pacheco, and Ignacio Solares, among others, have been published in academic and general-interest journals. She works above all on women writers, Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, Mexican Culture, and Theater (XVII and XVIII century), and on contemporary romance and short stories (XXI Century Literature). For her studies on Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, she was awarded the “Woman of the Year” distinction by the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (Los Angeles, California).

She received the Literary Medal “Antonio Mediz Bolio” and the State Parliament Medal “Héctor Victoria Aguilar”. In 2001, she was a jury member for the Juan Rulfo Latin-American and Caribbean Prize, awarded to the Mexican writer Juan García Ponce (Guadalajara International Book Fair). Recently, she has been a panelist for the *Premio de Literatura de la FIL en Lenguas Romances*, called upon by the Executive President of the *Feria Internacional del Libro* (FIL) in Guadalajara, Jalisco in 2010. She has also been a recipient of the "Enrique Díaz de León of Honor" from the Universidad de Guadalajara in 2009, which is considered the “máximo galardón académico.” She has also been honored with the "Medalla Yucatán" from the Government of the State of Yucatán in 2009, which is also the “máximo reconocimiento del Gobierno de Yucatán,” that a scholar can receive in his/her field of study. In addition, Dr. Poot-Herrera is co-founder of the UC-Mexicanistas Association, an Intercampus Research Program of the University of California System, and one hundred percent Mexicanist and Mexican in California.