



20TH ANNUAL

**CONFERENCE  
ON THE AMERICAS**

# REGISTRATION

Friday, February 10 - 1pm to 4pm: University Hall Main Entrance

## SESSIONS

Friday, February 10 - 1:20pm to 2:45pm

### 1. Latin American Politics in the 21st Century – Room UH102

Chair: Álvaro Torres Calderón, University of North Georgia

*Ecuador and Its Role in the Recent US Elections*  
Diana Serrano, Armstrong State University

Chair: Carlos Ochoa, University of North Georgia

Friday, February 10 – 3:00pm to 4:15pm

Chair: Nancy Tille-Victorica, Armstrong State University

*El zumbayllu como símbolo de la [r]evolución o el baile de la peon[za] en Los ríos profundos de José María Arguedas*

Ana Torres, Armstrong State University

**Saturday, February 11 - 9:00am to 10:15am**

**5. Linguistics & Foreign Language Education – Room UH102**

Chair: Nancy Tille-Victorica, Armstrong State University

Irina Tedrick, Savannah State University

*Reading across Cultures in Transparent Languages*

Ericka H. Parra, Valdosta State University

*Challenges and Perspectives Towards Common Assessment in a Spanish Course at the University Level*

Mariana Stone, University of North Georgia

*Spanish L1 and L2 'Errors' due to Interference or the Natural Order of Acquisition*

**Saturday, February 11 10:30am to 11:45am**

**7. Latin American Literature & Film (Panel in English) – Room UH102**

Chair: Nancy Tille-Victorica, Armstrong State University

*Luis Hernández: A Misunderstood Poet in 1960s' Peru*  
Alvaro Torres-Calderón, University of North Georgia

*Voces inocentes and Paloma de papel: Lost Youth*  
William Deaver, Armstrong State University

*Of Manses and Convents: Space as Setting and Protagonist of Violences in Two Contemporary Colombian Novels*  
Paco Pinto-Torres, Virginia Tech

*Cuba Libre: Martí Iconography and Civil Disobedience in Fernando Pérez' Eye of the Canary*  
Eric Morales-Franceschini, University of Georgia

**8. Diversity of Issues – Room UH103**

Chair: Becky da Cruz, Armstrong State University

*"... Next Time": Gulf Coast Residents' Relationship to Hurricanes, and Implications for Preparation and Response Improvement*

Robert Wood, Georgia State University

*Religion in the South, Does It Impact the Public Sphere, Positively or Negatively?*  
Darren Broome, Gordon State College

*The Totality of Circumstances: Police Perspectives and the Preemptive Anticipation of Crime*  
William Odum, Georgia State University

*Gastronomía mexicana en relación a la cultura y a la identidad: lo que aprendí durante un estudio en el extranjero*

Alaina Whitmore, Columbus State University

*Wine Economies of Córdoba, Argentina and Georgia*

Chad Warner, University of North Georgia

Gendered Nationalism: Metaphorical Conquest of Woman

Delia Moreno, Armstrong State University

## **Luncheon**

**12:00pm to 12:45pm Savannah Ballroom B&C**

## **Key Note Address**

**1:00pm to 2:00pm Savannah Ballroom B&C**

Welcome & Introductions: Dr. José A. da Cruz, Chair of the Americas Council

## ***Territory and Erotics in Contemporary Latin American Narrative and Cinema***

By

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