CALL FOR PAPERS

*The Muses of the Land: The Reception of Greece and Rome in the Hispanic World.*

University of Maryland, College Park — May 2, 2014

Deadline for submissions: January 13, 2014

Scholars are invited to submit abstracts for a one-day conference on how Spain and Latin America have engaged with their Greek and Latin cultural heritage. Despite the fact that this heritage has been central to many aspects of the cultural life of the region, it has received little consideration in the English-speaking world, where the idea that Latin American is a "non-western" civilization still has some currency. Recent panels at academic conferences in the United States, however, have begun to explore the influence of this heritage in the literature, film, and drama; as a result, there has been an increased awareness of its complexity and richness. This conference seeks to expand the panorama of scholarly perspectives and invites representatives from other academic fields to enter the conversation: scholars working on the reception of classical antiquity in history, art, architecture, philosophy, history of science, Latin American Studies, LGBT and Women's Studies—in addition to literature, film, and drama—are welcome to apply.

The period of study is from the renaissance to the present time, but papers on the contemporary reception of this heritage, in which not much work has been done, will be especially welcome. We plan to select a group of papers that will not only showcase the variety of forms assumed by classical reception in the Spanish-speaking world, but also spotlight challenges facing the study of this topic that might be specific to this particular cultural milieu. We therefore expect papers to include a critical reflection on the promises and pitfalls involved in investigation the classical tradition within the context of the Hispanic world. We hope to offer scholars in the Washington DC area and beyond who are interested in the topic an occasion to meet each other and hear about their research.

Please email an abstract (in Word or PDF format) of approximately 350 words (excluding bibliography) to Francisco Barrenechea (fbarrene@umd.edu). Include your name, institutional affiliation, email address, and a tentative title for your paper. In your abstract, include a clear summary of your argument, with one or two persuasive examples, and an indication of how your paper would contribute to critical reflection on the topic as a whole. Your argument should be accessible to an audience of scholars from various disciplines. If you have any technical requirements for your presentation, let us know what type of equipment you need at the bottom of your abstract. Papers should be 20 minutes in length. We expect to be able to cover the lodging of those invited to deliver papers.

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