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Numerous studies have addressed language attitudes toward Spanish among various Latino groups living in the United States. Taken together, this work shows that young Latinos in the U.S. have a largely favorable view of the language—they report having positive associations with Spanish, for instance, as an important link to family and culture, and by and large report that they plan on passing the language down to their own children. Yet, the study of Spanish language attrition in the U.S. shows that the latter of these—the faithful cross-generational transmission of Spanish—does not actually take place. That is, language shift from Spanish to English is clearly underway in U.S. Latino communities. This lecture will present data from a social-psychological/sociolinguistic study conducted in Miami, where half of the Latino participants reported Cuban heritage and sheds light on the role of deep perceptions in the cross-generational loss of Spanish in the U.S.

Phillip M. Carter is an Assistant Professor of English and Linguistics at Florida International University. He holds a Ph.D. from Duke University. He is a sociolinguist and scholar of language and culture in U.S. Latino communities. Dr. Carter has published numerous papers in international journals such as *Journal of Sociolinguistics* and *Language in Society* and is coauthor of the forthcoming book *Languages of the World through Culture, History and Cognition*. He has been a guest on CNN en español and has been interviewed by numerous news outlets such as BBC-Mundo and CNN about language in U.S. Latino communities.

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