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“Cargo esta marginalidad...:”

Transdisciplinary Thinking in Lourdes Casal

Lecture by Yolanda Martínez-San Miguel

Monday, October 23, 2017 | 12:00 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | Green Library 220

Recognized by many as a founding figure of Caribbean, Cuban, and Latino Studies, Lourdes Casal (1938–81) posed questions and explored research methods that are usually located in the humanities or the social sciences, yet her work proposed the need to question disciplinary boundaries in Latin American, Caribbean, Latino, and Cuban studies. Dr. Yolanda Martínez-San Miguel will discuss Casal’s transdisciplinary contributions using three concrete examples: (1) her academic training and doctoral dissertation; (2) her study of Cuban exile and migration by combining research approaches from psychology, sociology, and literary and cultural studies; and (3) her focus on womanist recoveries of Cuban history and diasporic experiences as precursors to work on sexuality and gender studies. The presentation will end with a discussion of Casal’s legacy for interdisciplinary programs (usually known as the “studies” units) in area, ethnic, and women’s studies.

Dr. Yolanda Martínez-San Miguel holds the Martha Weeks Endowed Chair in Latin American Studies in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at the University of Miami. She is the author of four books, including *Coloniality of Diasporas: Rethinking Intra-Colonial Migrations in a Pan-Caribbean Context* (2014) and *Caribe Two Ways: Cultura de la migración en el Caribe insular hispánico* (2003). She is currently working on her fifth book project, *Archipiélagos de ultramar: Rethinking Colonial and Caribbean Studies*.

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