

**1st International Hispanic Conference of the Day of the Dead:
“Monsters, Ghosts, Devils, & Orishas in Latin American & Peninsular Literature, Film, &
Music”**

**Organized by
Florida Memorial University
The Graduate Student Association of Florida International University**

This conference will take place at the Ballrooms in the “Graham Center” (GC Building) at the Maidique Campus of Florida International University, Miami, FL from Monday, October 31st at 9:30am to Tuesday, November 1st 5pm, 2011.

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Link to the Ernest R. Graham Center (GC): <http://campusmaps.fiu.edu/>

Description:

Conference Theme: Magical Realism and the Fantastic have been associated with Latin American texts because of the recurrent presence of ghosts, monsters, orishas and spirits originating from pre-colonial civilizations. However, Peninsular culture has also produced esperpentos that signaled the presence of evil both within our own humanity and the Christian and Romantic western ideologies to which we had always born allegiance. This conference aims to create a semiotic study of these representations in the hispanic culture. Could these symbolic narratives form part of an underside to our history?

Submissions: Two kinds

-We will accept proposals both for individual papers and whole panels (with a maximum of four paper givers). Proposals (100 words maximum) must be submitted in .doc or .pdf form via email by July 1st 2011 to Dr. Zoila Clark at zclark@FMUNIV.EDU / zoilyova@yahoo.com

-Considering some universities do not cover travelling expenses, you may send us an article on this current topic between 15-30 pages to be considered for publication with the rest of the conference participants by the conference date to start the peer review process. This is the complete version of an oral presentation.

Only for presenters:

1. You have 20-minutes to present your paper; you will not be allowed to continue beyond your allocated time. The Chair of your session will give you a 5-minute and then a 2-minute warning before your time expires. At the 20-minute mark, you will be shown a 'please stop' card. Please draw your paper to a close at that point. Chairs will be instructed to stop any delegate who attempts to continue beyond the 20-minute mark. That's generally **8-9 pages** double space in 12 New Times Roman printed on one side only.

Sessions are carefully structured to allow for 20-minutes per presenter plus 15-minutes for discussion at the end. To go over the allotted time is both unfair to the other presenters and eats into time for discussion and engagement with the issues. Please time your paper prior to delivering it.

2. Our advice to presenters for the delivery of your paper or presentation is to do so in a way with which you feel most comfortable. Naturally for delegates for whom English / Spanish is not the first language, you may prefer to read your paper verbatim or use a Power Point presentation in the opposite language.

Please inform us if you are using any kind of technology and send the presentation a week in advance to make sure everything works smoothly.