

The Johns Hopkins University
2nd Graduate Conference in Hispanic Studies
Call for papers

Tie me up! Tie me down! Word and Image in Hispanic Culture

The Spanish Section of the Department of Romance Languages & Literatures at the Johns Hopkins University is calling for papers for its second Graduate Conference on **October 13th and 14th, 2006**.

The Conference seeks to discuss relationships (ironic, mutually supportive, submissive, symbiotic, forgetful, cannibalistic, disdainful...) through which **word** and **image** may have interacted in Hispanic literatures and cultures. Papers should address from a broad variety of methodological perspectives the shifting links between word and image in Hispanic literary and cultural traditions since the Middle Ages.

Papers may deal with the relationship between visual space (illuminations and emblems) and textual space in manuscripts and early editions; the discursive borders between narrative, film script and production; the sexual politics of image (voyeurism, pornography); the ethics of film documentary; visual rhetoric in texts (symbolism, metaphor, *ekphrasis*); the poetics of pop reading in comic strips and others.

Interested Graduate Students are welcome to submit a 300 to 500 word abstract to the following electronic address: jhu_conference2006@hotmail.com.

The deadline for submissions is **August 25th 2006**. Paper presentations, in English or Spanish, must not exceed 20 minutes. Panels will be chaired by professors and graduate students of our department. We also encourage panel proposals, in the form of two or three papers, addressing a shared or common topic. Panel proposals will be evaluated based on the quality of the papers, their affinity with this year's conference topics, and the disciplinary field of the participants.

Finally, we are pleased to introduce you our **keynote speakers**:

Cristina Moreiras-Menor (University of Michigan)
and
Gareth Williams (University of Michigan)

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