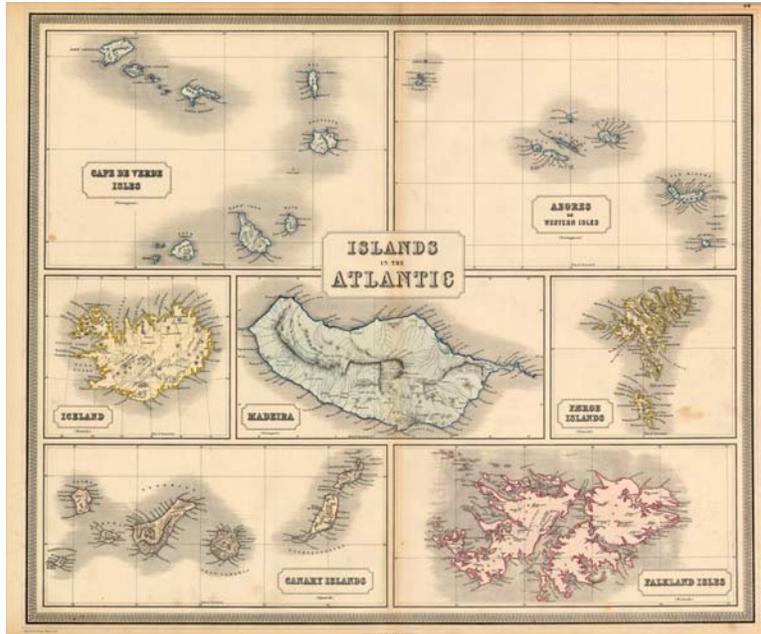


The Department of Romance Languages and Literatures and the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program invite you to a presentation by

Germán Santana Pérez
Wednesday, October 20th, 2010
Breslin Hall 112, 4:30-6:00 p.m.



Mestizaje in Atlantic Islands

In the Atlantic, islands played an essential role as a geographic link between Europe, Africa, and the Americas. In this strategic space an "Atlantic Culture" was born, tying together the islands through common characteristics. This *mestizaje* should be understood not only in terms of population, but also as a wider cultural phenomenon defined by the Atlantic as a nexus of communication. Yet this hybridization did not mean equality; even today, a social hierarchy privileging the European population persists.

Germán Santana-Pérez is Associate Professor of Early Modern History at the Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. His research area includes Canarian history, African history, and comparative history between Atlantic Islands, including Macaronesia, the Caribbean, and the African archipelagos. He is the author of several books, including *El comercio exterior de las Canarias Orientales durante el reinado de Felipe IV* (2002), *La puerta afortunada. Canarias en las relaciones hispano-africanas de los siglos XVII y XVIII* (2002) and *Las representaciones de la Historia Moderna en el cine* (2007). Professor Santana-Pérez is currently working on the relationship between Cuba and the Canary Islands, and on the various contacts between Spain and Africa.

The lecture is open to all, and will be delivered in Spanish. For further details please contact Prof. Benita Sampedro at Benita.sampedro@hofstra.edu