

Professor to discuss ♦Betrayed by Rita Hayworth♦ at Bergren Forum

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Erin Redmond, assistant professor of Spanish at Alfred University, will present "1930's Hollywood and Argentine Literature: Melodrama in Manuel Puig's *Betrayed by Rita Hayworth*" on Thursday, Oct. 21, during AU's Bergren Forum at 12:10 p.m., in Powell Campus Center's Nevins Theatre. This event is free of charge and open to the public. Redmond will talk about how melodrama in Puig's work is never as simple as it seems; Hollywood icons and standard plots shape characters' ideas of themselves; the same characters' stories transform Hollywood ideals; and melodrama at the movies always comes home to human desires for love, justice, and meaning. Redmond earned a Ph. D. in Hispanic literatures from the University of Texas-Austin. Her academic interests include Spanish language and Hispanic cultures, Latin American literature, and women's literature, 20th and 21st Century Southern Cone narrative, gender studies and literary theory. Redmond's current research includes Argentine and Brazilian narrative fiction by women, 1960s-present and feminist post-colonial theory and Argentine nationalist discourses. She has attended the Northeast Modern Language Association 41st Annual Convention and AU Women's Studies Roundtable in 2010. Redmond is a member of Phi Sigma Iota, National Language Honor Society, Asociacion Internacional de Literatura Femenina Hispanica, and Latin American Studies Association. She is the recipient of the Alfred University CLAS Faculty Development Grant in 2010. The Bergren Forum, sponsored by the Alfred University Division of Human Studies, meets Thursdays during each academic semester at the University. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch; coffee and tea will be available.