

# Department of Modern Languages

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## A Conference on The 200th Anniversary of the Birth of Gertrudis Gómez de Avellaneda: A Celebration of Nineteenth-Century Cuban Literature

April 4, 2014 | 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center 150

This conference will commemorate the work and life of Gertrudis Gómez de Avellaneda, as well as the emergence and consolidation of a national literature in Cuba during the nineteenth century. The meeting will bring together scholars from the United States, Spain, and other countries. It will feature a keynote address by María del Carmen Simón Palmer, a renowned specialist in the writings of Gómez de Avellaneda and other 19th-century women writers in Spain.

Gertrudis Gómez de Avellaneda (1814–1873) was born in Santa María de Puerto Príncipe (modern-day Camagüey), Cuba, and died in Madrid, Spain. One of the foremost Romantic writers of the nineteenth century, she is best remembered for her progressive beliefs regarding women and slaves, as reflected in her controversial novel *Sab* (1841). She inspired men and women alike with her stories of love, feminism, and a changing world. Gómez de Avellaneda enjoyed literary and commercial success in her poetry, novels, drama, short stories, and essays.

Papers will be presented in English and Spanish. Admission is free for FIU faculty, staff, and students. For further information and to register, please call (305)348-2851 or contact Svetlana Tyutina at [styutina@fiu.edu](mailto:styutina@fiu.edu) or Dr. Maida Watson at [watsonm@fiu.edu](mailto:watsonm@fiu.edu).

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