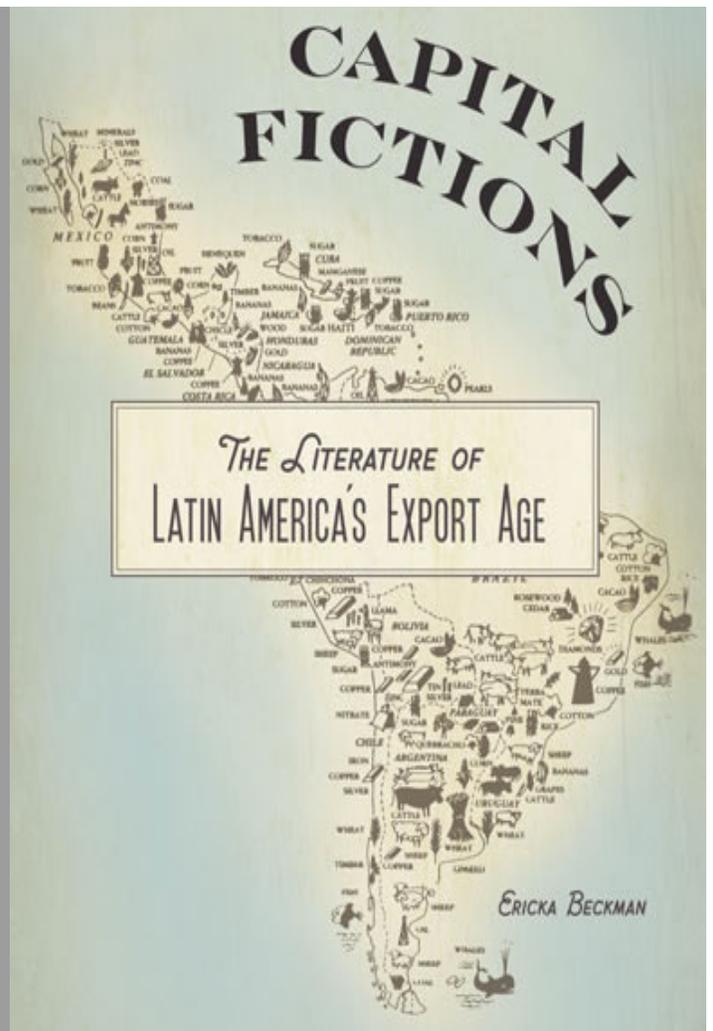


The Graduate Association for Spanish and Portuguese and the Department of Spanish and Portuguese invite you to attend a lecture by

**Dr. Ericka Beckman**  
**University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**



Dr. Beckman is an Associate Professor in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She specializes in 19th- and 20th-century Latin American literature and culture as well as Marxism and critical theory. Her research focuses primarily on narratives of capitalist modernity and modernization in nineteenth- and twentieth-century Latin America.



**Dr. Beckman will lecture on her recent book:**

**Capital Fictions:  
The Literature of Latin America's Export Age (Minnesota, 2013)**

*Capital Fictions* investigates the key role played by literature in imagining and interpreting the rapid transformations unleashed by Latin America's first major wave of capitalist modernization between 1870 and 1930. Questioning the opposition between culture and economics in Latin America and elsewhere, Ericka Beckman shows that literature operated as a powerful form of political economy during this period.

**Tuesday, January 27, 2015  
5:30pm**

**Modern Languages 410**

This event is free and open to the public.



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