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"Ritos y mañas en la novela caribeña"

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Professor Montañez will discuss rituals in the works of Caribbean writers, including texts by Cristina García, Ana Lydia Vega, Luis Rafael Sánchez, among others. Since pre-Columbian times, rituals have formed part of the lives of indigenous people, and continue to have symbolic value today. Rituals are performed for diverse reasons, such as to assure good harvests, better relationships, and good luck. In addition, Dr. Montañez will discuss her latest novel, *Pelo bueno, pelo malo*.

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Lecture will be in Spanish. Free and Open to Public.

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