

**The Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture Since 1900  
Presents the Keynote Hispanic Presentation:**

***"LA LITERATURA PUERTORRIQUEÑA:  
CHOQUE DE CULTURAS"***

By

**DR. MANUEL MARTÍNEZ-MALDONADO**



Manuel Martínez-Maldonado, the Executive Vice-President of Research at the University of Louisville, is a renowned scientist and also an award-winning poet and novelist. Before coming to Louisville from his native Puerto Rico, Dr. Martínez-Maldonado served as the President of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture and also the Board of Trustees of Puerto Rico's Performing Arts Center. His books of poetry include: *La voz sostenida*, *Palm Beach Blues*, *Por amor al arte*, *Hotel María*, and *Novela de mediodía*. His novel, *Isla Verde (The Blue Chevy)* was published in 1999. His new novel *Dragon Rapide* will be published in the near future. In his keynote lecture, Dr. Martínez-Maldonado will provide an overview of the effect of the two "cultures" he has lived in (science and literature), and the two cultures his work has moved in (Puerto Rican and American), and how these cultural clashes influence art and literature in Puerto Rico.

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This lecture will be presented in Spanish and is free and open to the public.

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