

University of Louisville

Latin American and Latino Studies Program presents

Patagonia: Myth and Reality

A Presentation in English by Dr. Fernando Operé

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

12:00-1:00pm in Elaine Chao Auditorium

FINAL DE NOVELA
EN PATAGONIA

MEMPO GIARDINELLI



Dr. Fernando Operé is Director of Latin American Studies and a Professor of Literature and Culture at the University of Virginia. He is the founding Director of UVA's Hispanic Studies Program in Valencia, which in 2014 celebrated its 30-year anniversary. Dr. Operé also is the Director of the UVA Spanish Theatrical Group, where he has directed over 40 plays and acted in many of them. Dr. Operé is a specialist on travel literature and frontiers and has published several books on that topic: *Relatos de cautivos en las Américas de los siglos XVI al XX*; *Historias de la frontera: el cautiverio en la América hispánica*; *Indian Captivity in Spanish America: Frontier Narratives*; *España y los españoles de hoy: Historia, Sociedad y Cultura*; *Historias de la frontera: El cautiverio en la América hispánica*; and *Cautivos: Civilización y barbarie en la literatura argentina del siglo XIX*.



Dr. Operé is the author of 14 books of poetry, including *La vuelta al mundo en 80 poemas/Around the world in 80 poems* and *Ciudades de Tiza*. These books deal with the topic of the journey and its impact on the traveler or pilgrim. The journey is a constant presence in his books, history, prose, and poetry. In 2000, Dr. Operé spent several months traveling through Patagonia with the Argentine author, Mempo Giardinelli (pictured below), who wrote a novel based on their experiences, *Final de novela en Patagonia*, in which Fernando Operé appears as a central character. In his lecture "Patagonia: Myth and Reality," Dr. Operé will speak about his travels in Patagonia and the evolution of that extensive and unknown land, from mythical to a touristic attraction in the time of globalization.



On *Final de novela en Patagonia*

A Presentation in Spanish by Dr. Fernando Operé

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

4:00-5:15pm in Humanities 220

Poetry and Theatrical Recital

A Presentation in Spanish by Dr. Fernando Operé

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

1:00-1:50pm in Davidson 204

Argentine Culture, Study Abroad, and Career Opportunities

A Presentation in English by Dr. Fernando Operé

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

2:00-3:15pm in Davidson 207



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