

Growing Old Bilingual:

A Poetry Reading by Cuban-American Author
Dr. Gustavo Pérez Firmat

 *Bilingual Blues*
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A poetry reading in English, Spanish and Spanglish on the delights and dilemmas of a life lived between languages. Dr. Pérez Firmat will also present the 15th Annual Heritage Lecture, *Pirates of the Caribbean: Exoticism and the Aesthetics of Diversity*, from 4:30-5:30pm in the Elaine Chao Auditorium of Ekstrom Library. Both of these presentations are free and open to the public.

Thursday, October 27, 2016

11:00 AM—12:00 PM

Shumaker Research Building, Room 139

A poet and scholar, Gustavo Pérez Firmat is the David Feinson Professor in the Humanities at Columbia University. He is the author of several collections of poetry, among them *The Last Exile*, *Scar Tissue*, and *Bilingual Blues*. His books of literary and cultural criticism include *A Cuban in Mayberry*, *The Havana Habit*, *Life on the Hyphen*, *Tongue Ties*, and *Next Year in Cuba*. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and recipient of fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the NEH, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the Mellon Foundation. The *Hispanic Business Magazine* named him one of the “100 Most Influential Hispanics” in the US, and *Newsweek* selected him as one of “100 Americans to watch for the 21st Century.” Visit <http://www.gustavoperezfirmat.com> for more information.



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