

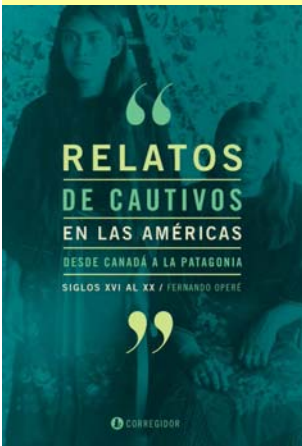
Campus Visit of Dr. Fernando Operé

Professor of Spanish and Latin American Studies at the University of Virginia

Thursday, February 9, 2017

Captives: The Ignored Protagonists of the History of the Americas

3:00-4:00 PM in Cultural Center Multipurpose Room



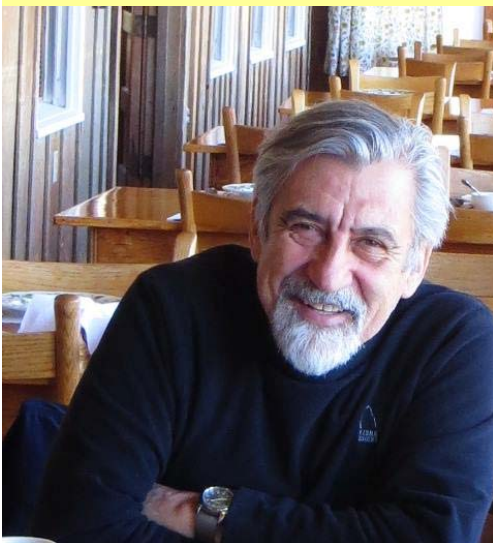
This lecture will provide an overview of Dr. Operé's latest publication, *Relatos de cautivos en las Américas: Desde Canadá a Patagonia*, which explores the history of captivity in the Americas from the XVI to XX centuries. Thousands of women, men, and children were taken captive by indigenous tribes and the majority never returned home. Some were liberated and wrote about their experiences, or told their stories to others who recorded them. Through these documented experiences we learn about the lives of native Americans and about our own cultural prejudices.

Poetry Reading in Spanish

11:00 AM-12:15 PM in Humanities 114

Dr. Operé will recite a selection of poetry from his books and speak about his creative process during Dr. Rhonda Buchanan's Spanish 405 class. This event is free and open to the public.

About Dr. Operé



Fernando Operé is a poet, historian, and professor of Spanish and Latin American Studies at the University of Virginia since 1980. He has published sixteen books of poetry, including: *Liturgia del atardecer* (2016); *Ciudades de tiza*, *Paisajes de papel* (2014); *Refranero de ausencias* (2014); *Around the World in 80 Poems* (2013); and *La vuelta al mundo en 80 poemas* (2012). He is also the author of several books of history: *Relatos de cautivos en las Américas de Canadá a la Patagonia, siglos XVI al XX* (2016); *Indian Captivity in Spanish America: Frontier Narratives* (2008); *España y los españoles de hoy* (2007); *Historias de la frontera: El cautiverio en la América hispánica* (2001); *Cautivos* (1997); and *Civilización y barbarie en la literatura argentina del siglo XIX* (1987), as well as numerous articles. He has been the Director of the Spanish Department Theater Group, which has produced more than 40 plays of Spanish and Latin American dramatists, for more than 36 years. He is also the Director of the UVA Hispanic Studies Program in Valencia, Spain.

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