INGL 6020 (Second Language Acquistion) welcomes you to attend:

Negotiating "el dificil":
English Language Acquisition in Rural Puerto Rico

Dr. Catherine M. Mazak began her academic career as a TESOL professional interested in how language was related to issues of social justice, specifically, how language and educational policies help or hurt individuals as they go through the process of second language acquisition. During her doctoral program in Critical Studies in the Teaching of English at Michigan State University, she focused on English language learning in Puerto Rico. Her research comes from a sociocultural perspective which examines language learning situated within a specific social, cultural, political, and historical context. She explores how people use English in their everyday lives, and how this English use relates to their academic experiences with English, always keeping in mind the politically charged and culturally unique linguistic landscape which is Puerto Rico. Join us as Dr. Mazak discusses an article recently published in the Centro journal for Puerto Rican Studies.

"Researchers of colonial language are now beginning to present different \"normals\" in order to counter the hegemony of \"one group, one language.\" (Mazak, 2008).

Date: Monday, September 22, 2008
Place: Chardón 118
Time: 6:45-7:45 p.m.

CEP hours will be credited to all attendees

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