



Women's and Gender Studies Brown Bag

**Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 12:00
318 Milne Library**

Presenter : Karina Céspedes

Title: *Jineteras, Pingueros and Other Revolutionarias: Cuban Tourism, Sex Work and Identity.*

Description: During the 1990s a number of new social identities emerged within Cuba following the withdrawal of Soviet aid and trade. Among these new, and unprecedented, social identities emerged that of *jineteras* and *pingueros*. Both proved to be crucial to Cuba's burgeoning tourism economy as *jineteras* (female sex workers) and *pingueros* (gay male sex workers) became highly sought after by international sex tourists interested in sampling the legacy of the Cuban revolution. Dr. Céspedes will be discussing the necessity for *jineteras* and *pingueros* within the Post-Soviet Cuban economy, including their role in "saving socialism," as well as the national and international debates which declared these populations deviant yet fascinating, expendable but also highly commodifiable, simultaneously savage and heroic.

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