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Ms. Luz Janeth Ospina  
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Languages) presents

**How to flirt in  
Spanish:  
Cultural, pragmatic  
and pedagogical  
perspectives.**

**¿De qué estrella te  
caíste? (River Plate  
area)  
(What star did you  
fall from?)**

Wednesday,  
March 22, 2017  
12 – 1pm  
UHall D630

*Piropos* are a discourse practice part of a cultural tradition. They were a way of polite address from men to women in Spanish-speaking cultures that originated around the 19th century. But *Piropos* could be interpreted sometimes as sexist compliments. What we cannot forget is that what counts as a compliment may differ very much from one society to another.

- Even Spanish speaking children know how to flirt.
- Not only men give *piropos*.
- *Piropos* are different from compliments.
- Teaching *piropos* is a way of enhancing intercultural competence in the Spanish classroom.
- There are metaphors in *piropos*... Let's learn some of them.

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