

Distinguished Speaker Series presents:

**“Evil Eye, Séances, Folk Christianity and Orishas:
The Study of “Bad” Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean”**

by Dr. Michelle González Maldonado



**Thursday, April 9th
7:00PM
CAS Wesley Gallery**

This lecture will examine folk religious practices in Latin America and the Caribbean and their implications for the academic study of religion. Labeled as “bad” religious beliefs and practices, marginalized as superstition, folklore or delusions, she will examine the religious worldview of many in Latin America and the Caribbean in light of the violent and unequal encounter of Europeans, African and Indigenous peoples in the Americas.

Dr. Maldonado’s teaching and research interests include Latin American, Latino/a and African-American religiosity, as well as feminist theology, theological anthropology and theological method. She is the author of *Sor Juana: Beauty and Justice in the Americas*; *Afro-Cuban Theology: Religion, Race, Culture and Identity* and the recent *Created in God’s Image: An Introduction to Feminist Theological Anthropology*.