



St. Mary's College of Maryland  
at Historic St. Mary's City

## Guatemalan Literary Critic To Speak On Memory and History

*Photos available via e-mail*

(St. Mary's City, MD) March 10, 2003 – St. Mary's College of Maryland will sponsor a lecture by Lucrecia Méndez de Penedo, associate dean of humanities at Universidad Rafael Landívar in Guatemala. She will speak on "The Relationship Between Memory and Historical Imaging in Guatemala." The talk will be in English and will begin at 6 P.M. on Wednesday, March 12, in the Blackistone Room of Anne Arundel Hall. The talk is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Zach Messitte at 240-895-4215.

Méndez de Penedo, well-known Guatemalan literary critic, is the author of works such as, *Cardoza y Aragón: líneas para un perfil*, and *Letras de Guatemala: del período pre-colombino a mediados del siglo XX*.

An introduction will be given by Jorge Rogachevsky, associate professor of the Spanish, International Languages, and Cultures Department.

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