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**Women in the Ibero-American Atlantic (1500-1800)
Charleston, South Carolina, Feb. 18-20, 2010**

The Program in the Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World (CLAW) at the College of Charleston calls for papers on "Women in the Iberian and Latin American Atlantic World." The conference will take place in Charleston, South Carolina, from Feb. 18 to 20, 2010. This interdisciplinary conference welcomes papers on Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American history, literature, cultural production, etc. We hope to examine questions such as: Who were the women that traveled from the Iberian Peninsula to the New World or vice-versa? What ideas did they bring with them? What influence did women who did not physically travel have on the Atlantic world? What role did women play in creating an Atlantic network? What can women's experience in the Atlantic World tell us about the Atlantic cultural production, literary exchanges, economy, race relations, religion, etc., between 1500 and 1800?



The symposium will take place from Thursday to Saturday. Three keynote speakers are scheduled: Lisa Vollendorf, Professor of Spanish, California State University at Long Beach; Allyson Poska, Professor of History, University of Mary Washington; and Bianca Premo, Associate Professor of History, Florida International University. These speakers will each give a plenary talk. We will also have 5 or 6 additional panels of select participants. This symposium is open (and not limited) to professors of literature, history, political science, anthropology, and sociology. We particularly encourage new scholars and graduate students to submit proposals. The format of the sessions will be roundtable discussion. One month before the conference each participant will submit their completed paper to be posted on a secure site. During the session each participant will be allotted 10 minutes to discuss the main points of their paper. There will be a respondent for each session and ample time for discussion. There is the possibility for a volume of selected papers from the conference to be published in our *Carolina Atlantic World Series* by the University of South Carolina Press (for more info. see www.sc.edu/uscpres).

Charleston, South Carolina is a prime location for this conference. It was a major city in the Atlantic World with strong connections to Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean as well as other parts of North America. South Carolina was also site of Santa Elena (1566-1587), the northern most Spanish settlement during the

colonial period and the capital of La Florida Province. Please submit one-page proposals in English and one-page c.v. to Dr. Sarah E. Owens, Dept. of Hispanic Studies as an attachment to owenss@cofc.edu by August 1, 2009. For more info. on the CLAW program visit www.cofc.edu/atlanticworld/.