Press Release

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Subject: Ramón Gómez de la Serna Event and Latin American Studies Open House, November 4th, 2013

Celebrating the opening of the Ramón Gómez de la Serna Papers through a special event and exhibit

The University Library System (ULS), Center for Latin American Studies, and Department of Hispanic Languages and Literature plan to celebrate the opening of the Ramón Gómez de la Serna Papers through an exhibit and an open house program to highlight this and other Hispanic language collections.

The Ramón Gómez de la Serna Opening and Latin American Studies Open House will be held on Monday, November 4th and open to the University community and the public. This event will include a presentation from 1:00-2:00 in the Amy Knapp Room (ground floor, Hillman) featuring Mellon Professor of Modern Languages, Dr. Daniel Balderston, Chair of the Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures, and Director of the Borges Center, who will speak about the usefulness of manuscript archives such as the Ramón Gómez de la Serna Papers for literary research. Light refreshments will be served.

After Dr. Balderston’s presentation, there will be an open house in the Special Collections Reading Room, Room 363 Hillman Library from 2:00pm.-4:00pm showcasing a display of the Ramón Gómez de la Serna Papers as well as highlighting other materials that focus upon Colonial Latin America and exploration, travel, and migration in the Caribbean, as well as others.

The Special Collections Department at the University of Pittsburgh is pleased to announce that the finding aid as well as extensive digitized content from the Ramón Gómez de la Serna Papers is now available online. Ramón Gómez de la Serna was a prolific Spanish-Argentinian poet, novelist, and essayist, who is especially known for creating a new literary genre he named the “greguería.” His works significantly influenced the avant-garde movement in Europe and Latin America. His personal papers consist of approximately 60,000 handwritten notes and manuscripts, clippings, photographs, and annotated first editions from his library from 1906-1967. By making the digital content available via the Internet, the ULS opens to the world the rich documentary heritage that defined Gómez de la Serna’s life, as well as the issues, experiences, and influences that shaped his writings.

Online Finding Aid: http://library.pitt.edu/dscribe/search.php?title=gomez

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