

**SPN-507-00: Capstone in Spanish Literature: *The Oldest Profession: Prostitution, Empire, and Historical Memory***

**Sex sells! ...And when it sells, worlds move. In this course, sex for sale will be considered on both sides of the Atlantic.**

**Why is sex sold? Who are the sellers? Who are the buyers?**

**How does this play out in Hispanic cultures and literatures? We'll focus on texts from the first encounters between the**

***conquistadores* and their female *conquistas*; the nineteenth century, when prostitution became a prime symbol of the lasting effects of Spanish hegemony; and today, when global commerce includes women trafficked from the Americas to the streets and clubs of Spain. Our ultimate goal is to bring together your four years of work in cultural studies and literature from Spain and Latin America.**

**Spring 2013**

**11am - 12:30pm**

**Tuesday & Thursday**

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