

The UCLA  
Department of Spanish and Portuguese

presents

"Agustín Yáñez and the  
Strategies of Proverb Use"

a lecture by

**Professor Shirley Arora**

2005 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient  
Department of Spanish and Portuguese

Friday, January 28, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.

Royce Hall Room 314

*Reception to follow*

Professor Emerita Shirley Arora received her Ph. D. degree from the Department in 1962 and shortly thereafter joined its faculty as an Assistant Professor. She retired in January 2000 after an exceptional scholarly and administrative career.

Prof. Arora served the Department and the university in many capacities and leadership roles, including membership in key campus-wide committees, such as the Committee on Academic Personnel, the presidency of the Faculty Center, and the chairship of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese for an unprecedented ten-year term. Prof. Arora's main research focus has been on verbal folklore, particularly legend, and proverbial speech in the Spanish-speaking world. Her publications have a wide geographic and chronological scope, ranging from medieval times to the present and from Peninsular Spain to the Spanish-speaking regions of the Americas, including Southern California. She was elected in 1992 as a Fellow of the American Folklore Society, the highest recognition in the U.S. accorded for contributions to folklore studies. Her main publications are: *Proverbial Comparisons in Ricardo Palma's Tradiciones Peruanas* (UC Press, 1966), *Proverbial Comparisons and Related Expressions in Spanish Recorded in Los Angeles, California* (UC Press, 1977), and *Antología del folclor de Torrelaguna* (Madrid: Comunidad de Madrid, 1990, co-edited with Luis Miguel Vicente and Juan José Prat-Ferrer). She is also the author of a highly-acclaimed novel, *What, then, Raman?* (Chicago: Follet, 1963), which has been translated to Swedish, German, Danish, Urdu, and several other languages, and made into a film.