Sociolinguistics in Spanish as a Heritage Language

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This talk describes how sociolinguistic research on a particular speech community enriches the teaching of Spanish as a Heritage Language (SHL). In order to show how sociolinguistic research has contributed to the implementation the SHL program at UNM, this talk draws connections to research in perceptual dialectology, bilingualism, and language attitudes in that community. This talk argues that calls to action from sociolinguists to affect change can be productively enacted in the SHL context. Therefore, through deliberately connecting the fields of SHL and sociolinguistics, we mutually enhance both.

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2:00 - 2:50 pm
Lab 5

Light refreshments will be served.