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Summary: Spanish scholar Marvin A. Lewis, director of the Afro-Romance Institute for Languages and Literatures of the African Diaspora at the University of Missouri-Columbia, will give The Barber Lecture in Literature.

(November 9, 2005)-Marvin A. Lewis, a professor of Spanish and director of the Afro-Romance Institute for Languages and Literatures of the African Diaspora at the University of Missouri-Columbia, will give The Barber Lecture in Literature at the University of Minnesota, Morris. Lewis will speak on the topic, "Afro-Hispanic Literature and the Canon," at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21, in the Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall. A reception will follow in the Humanities Fine Arts Gallery.

Lewis' teaching and research interests include 20th century Spanish-American literature, Afro-Hispanic literature, Post-Colonial Theory and African American literature. He is co-editor of the Afro-Hispanic Review and of PALARA (Publication of the Afro-Latin/American Research Association). He also founded the Afro-Latin/American Research Association (ALARA), the Americas counterpart of the European-based Collegium for African American Research (CAAR). His books include *From Lima to Leticia: The Peruvian Novels of Mario Vargas Llosa* (1983) *Afro-Hispanic Poetry, 1940-1980: From Slavery to Negritude in South American Verse* (1983) *Treading the Ebony Path: Ideology and Violence in Contemporary Afro-Colombian Prose Fiction* (1987) *Ethnicity and Identity in Contemporary Afro-Venezuelan Literature: A Culturalist Approach* (1992) *Afro-Argentine Discourse: Another Dimension of the Black Diaspora* (1996) and *Afro-Uruguayan Literature: Post-Colonial Perspectives* (2003).

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