The Department of Spanish and Portuguese’s Medieval, Early Modern and Colonial Hispanic Studies Research Group presents a lecture by

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**The Gathering Storm:**
Pre-Expulsion *Converso Apologia* in Castile 1391-1492

**Thursday, March 21, 2013, 5:00 p.m.**
**College Arts & Humanities Institute**
(1211 East Atwater Avenue, Bloomington)

The lecture will examine the writings of new converts (*conversos*) to Christianity in the crucial, turbulent years following the fourteenth-century waves of mass conversion and the establishment of the Spanish Inquisition, leading to the expulsion of Sephardic Jews in late medieval Spain.

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