The Department of Spanish and Portuguese cordially invites you to the 21st Annual Merle E. Simmons Distinguished Alumni Lecture

“On the Acquisition and Loss of Spanish Dialectal Features”

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Friday, September 9, 2016
4:30 p.m.
Georgian Room, Indiana Memorial Union

Followed by our Annual Fall Reception
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Tudor Room, Indiana Memorial Union

Dr. Juan Pino-Silva is an emeriti Professor in the Department of Languages at Universidad Simón Bolívar, Caracas-Venezuela. He was a Spanish Instructor in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at Indiana University when he started his doctoral dissertation on Venezuelan children’s first and second language attrition. He graduated with a PhD in Linguistics in 1989. He has published on the acquisition of Spanish dialect features, second language testing, second language teaching with the aid of technology, extensive reading and communities of purposes. He is presently working with Dr. Yuly Asención-Delaney on a Spanish Extensive Reading Program based at Northern Arizona University. The first results of this study were presented at the 2015 and 2016 AATSP conferences. Dr. Pino-Silva lives in San Jose, California. He still teaches ESL and Spanish courses at Evergreen Community College.