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Docencia / Teaching Assignments

Primer semestre:

- Máster en Estudios Ingleses Avanzados

Segundo semestre:

- Lengua Inglesa IV (2º Grado de Estudios Ingleses)
- Relato Breve en Lengua Inglesa (Optativa. Grado de Estudios Ingleses)
- El humor en la literatura en lengua inglesa (Optativa. Grado de Estudios Ingleses)

Mercedes Peñalba finished her D.Phil. on Sinclair Lewis's modulation of irony into satire in 2002. She is currently associate professor of English Language and Literature at the University

of Salamanca, where she teaches courses in Short Fiction, Humor Theory, and Writing at undergraduate level. More recently she has developed her enthusiasm for Jewish literature and Holocaust representation. For several years she has taught a course on the Short Story Cycle at (post)graduate level, looking in particular at Cynthia Ozick's palimpsest narratives.

Investigación / Research

She has supervised/is supervising postgraduate research on a diverse range of subjects, including short story theory, humor studies and Holocaust representation. She particularly welcomes expressions of interest from prospective students wishing to conduct research (MA or PhD) in the areas of short fiction and verbal humor, or on issues surrounding Holocaust literature more broadly. Her current research project concerns Cynthia Ozick's work.

She has published articles on American Utopianism, humor and short story theory. She is the editor of *The Art of Concision: Towards a Poetics of Short Fiction and Critical Approaches to Short Fiction* (forthcoming).