

## Macalester Names Tenure-Track Professor in Hispanic and Latin American Studies

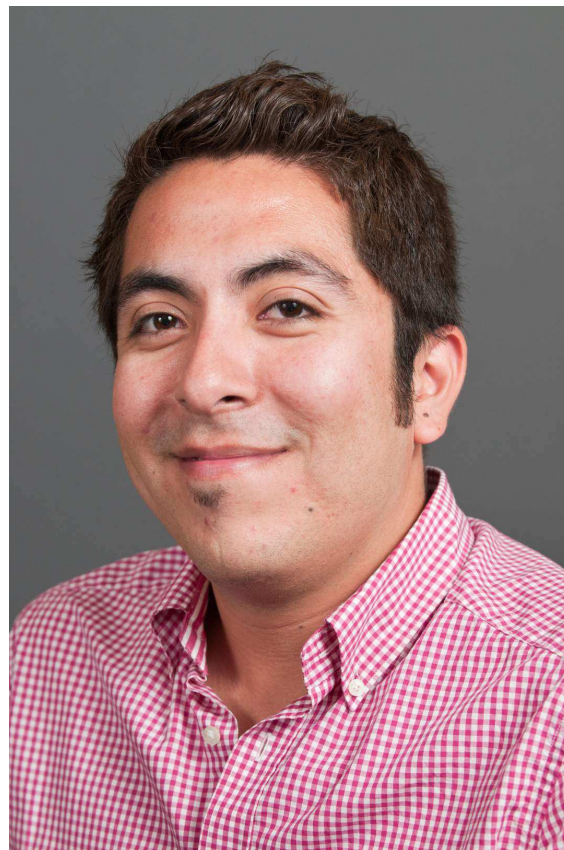
**St. Paul, Minn.** – **Jesús Ernesto Ortiz-Díaz** has joined the Macalester College Hispanic and Latin American Studies Department as a tenure-track assistant professor.

Ortiz-Díaz received his BA from ITESM (Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education, Monterrey, Mexico), and his MA from the University of Colorado, Boulder, and his PhD from the University of California, Davis.

His main research areas include Latin American colonial and nineteenth-century literature with a focus on narrative and poetry. His approach is comparative, and his focus is on the two Iberian hemispheres that constitute the regions of Spanish America and Brazil.

His immediate research priority is to expand his dissertation, “The Portrait of Nature in Latin American Literature: From Aesthetic Idealization to the Critical Landscape,” into a book. His second major research project will be to examine the portrayal of nature in more contemporary Latin American literature from the 1950s forward.

He will be teaching Portuguese classes and classes on Latin America, particularly Brazil.



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