

# Spelling Life:

## Colonial Latin American Women Accused of Witchcraft

Guest Speaker: Stacey Schlau, Westchester University

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Niles Gallery, 5:00 pm



In colonial Latin America, gender roles and ideologies were viewed, negotiated and enacted through witchcraft. Women's networks across classes and races used magical practices to support individuals as they faced life crises and goals. This talk provides a context for understanding the social and spiritual tensions created, as exemplified in a few cases drawn from the Mexican inquisitorial archives.