

You are invited to the presentation of:

The Transformative Power of Role-Play in Language and Culture Classes

Guest Speaker: Dr. Sandra Sousa, University of Central Florida

When: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 3:30 pm

Where: Liberal Arts Building, Room 206

Sponsored by: Foreign Literature & Languages, UMass Dartmouth

Dr. Sousa will discuss Mark Carnes' *Minds on Fire. How Role-Immersion Games Transform College* as a path to improve the teaching of culture and language classes, with a focus on Spanish and Portuguese. This presentation will be based on her recent findings by implementing and reacting to the past (RTTP) role-play to her language and culture classes. She will also show how games based on role-play can have a significant impact on the way students learn and how it makes the classroom an engaging and mind-challenging environment for every student. A final aspect of her presentation involves discussion of the effectiveness of implementing role-play as a new teaching method aimed at facilitating student success. Sharing the new pedagogical insights she has acquired as a result of introducing role-play into her classrooms can also contribute to a group discussion of how learning can be a transformative experience for students and instructors alike.

Bio of Sandra Sousa- PhD in Portuguese and Brazilian Studies (Brown



University), Assistant Professor at the University of Central Florida, where she teaches Portuguese and Latin American Studies. Her research interests include colonialism and post-colonialism; race relations in Mozambique; feminine writing in Portuguese, Brazilian and African literature. She is the author of the book *Ficções do Outro: Império, Raça e Subjectividade no*

Moçambique Colonial.

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