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# Medieval and Early Modern Defenses of Women in the Hispanic World

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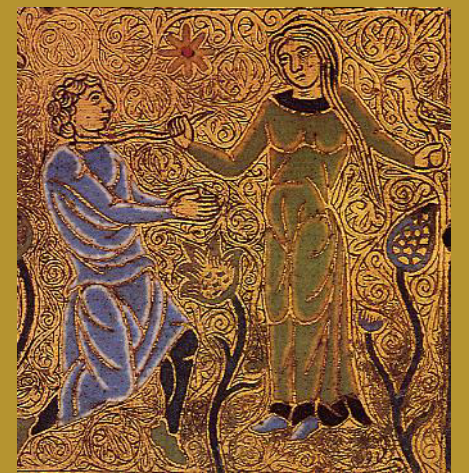
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A COURSE PRESENTED BY VISITING SCHOLAR

## Julio Vélez Sainz

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The debate on the nature of women coincides with the birth of literature in Spanish and evolves until it becomes the main literary topic in the Fifteenth Century and one of the recurrent motifs of Early Modern Hispanic Literature. We will see a variety of European authors who serve as the backdrop against which the Spanish *querelle des femmes* was articulated. The vindication of the rights of women to equal access to virtue, education, or eternal salvation was grounded on the authority of classical and post-classical authors such as Aristotle, Galen, Ovid, Juvenal, Tertulian, or Ciprian, the church fathers St. Jerome, St. Augustin, Thomas Aquinas, and medieval authors such as Petrus Alphonsus, Andreas Capellanus, Boccaccio, Petrarca, or Christine de Pizan. We will analyze works by Constanza de Castilla, Florencia Pinar, Teresa de Cartagena, Juan Rodríguez del Padrón, Diego de Valera, Álvaro de Luna, Francesc Eiximenis, Martín de Córdoba, Antonio de Guevara, Juan Luis Vives, Pedro Torrellas, Juan de Flores, Juan del Enzina, Bartolomé de Torres Naharro, Diego de San Pedro, Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, or María de Zayas.



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