"Back to the Future: What can Judeo-Spanish teach us about the evolution of Spanish contact varieties?"

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ABSTRACT:
In this talk Dr. Romero will discuss how processes of language mixing observed in several contemporary Spanish contact varieties, such as Spanish in the US, have been attested in Judeo-Spanish for centuries. Looking at these phonological, morphological, and syntactic processes in Judeo-Spanish can help us attest that these language mixing patterns are universal to Spanish in contact, and not necessarily specific to one language contact situation. In addition, because Judeo-Spanish has been a minority language in contact with Turkish for centuries, it can provide us with a look into the future of Spanish in the United States, especially on the structure of Spanglish.

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