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### LECTURE III

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Introduction by: Dr. Uva De Aragon, (FIU)

A poet, fiction writer and scholar, Gustavo Pérez Firmat has been called "a master of linguistic play" as well as "the Terminator of cultural certainties." Born in Cuba and raised in Miami, he attended Miami-Dade Community College and the University of Miami. He earned his Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the University of Michigan and taught at Duke University from 1978 to 1999. He is currently the David Feinson Professor of Humanities at Columbia University. Dr. Perez Firmat is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and has been the recipient of fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the Guggenheim Foundation. He is the author of several books of literary and cultural criticism, four collections of poetry, a novel and a memoir. His study of Cuban American culture, *Life on the Hyphen*, was awarded the Eugene M. Kayden University Press National Book Award for 1994. In 1995, Dr. Pérez Firmat was named Duke University Scholar/Teacher of the Year. In 1997 Newsweek included him among "100 Americans to watch for the next century" and Hispanic Business Magazine selected him as one of the "100 most influential Hispanics." In 2004 he was named one of New York 's thirty "Outstanding Latinos" by *El Diario La Prensa*. He divides his time between New York City and Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

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