The Department of Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature presents:
Archiving Miami-Illinois Native Cultures? The Contributions of 17th Century French Jesuits

Defeat of the Iroquois at Lake Champlain in 1609

In the 1670s, when the party of Jesuit missionary Jacques Marquette became the first group of Europeans to see the middle Mississippi valley, Miami-Illinois was the language to know. Though spoken across large expanses, it became extinct in the early 1960s when the last native speaker passed away. However, the language and precious data on the daily lives and environment of native Miami-Illinois peoples still exist in archives.

Using examples from 17th-century Miami-Illinois to French dictionaries, Dr. M. Vialet will examine the contributions of French Jesuits to archiving native cultures of Western Ohio and Illinois.

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PLACE: CU 321-A

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Michèle Vialet is Professor of French and affiliated with Women’s Studies at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio. She has published on 17th-century literature: a monograph on Furetière’s anti-novel Le roman bourgeois (1666) and a number of articles on the novel and theater. As a specialist of North African literature, she works on women writers, has published articles and co-edited a special issue of The Cincinnati Romance Review on Assia Djebar. Currently she is completing a book on loyalty conflicts in contemporary texts by Maghrebi women. Dr. Vialet has also co-authored a third-year French textbook, Bravo! (Cengage) and a French composition manual, A vous d’écrire (McGraw Hill).

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