Shamrocks and Guayaba
The Current Status of Irish Latin American Studies

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Botanical Metaphors... Ireland

• Shamrocks...
  – Ireland, *Irishness*
  – Celtic world
  – St. Patrick’s Holy Trinity
  – Charm against evil, &c.

• *Trifolium repens?*  
  *Oxalis acetosella?*
Botanical Metaphors... Latin America

- Guayaba (guava)...
  - Caribbean Latin America
  - Latinness
  - *Psidium guajava*

- Ombú...
  - European Latin America
  - The pampas
  - Gauchos
  - *Phytolacca dioica*
Agenda

• Symbols, Cultures and Spaces
• Links and Exchanges
• Irish-Latin American Discourse/s
• Literature: Irish-Americana
• History and Histories
• Recent Studies
• Top Ten Research Ideas
• Seldom Asked Questions
Latin American cultures are complex
Complex cultures

- Mestizo cultures?
Complex cultures

Spanish
Portuguese
French
Italian
German
Swiss
British
Irish
Polish
Dutch
Russian

Chinese
Korean
Japanese
Indian
Pakistani
Turkish
Sirian
Palestinian

Maya
Quechua
Aymara
Tupi-Guarani
Mapuche
Chibcha
Cuna
Motilones
Yanomami
Isleta

Senegambia
Upper Guinea
Gold Coast
Bight of Benin
Bight of Biafra
West-Central Africa
South-East Africa