




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



Symbols, Cultures and Spaces

- Latin American cultures are complex



Complex cultures

- Mestizo cultures?



Complex cultures

