

# **Betsy Lewis**

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Betsy Lewis is a professor of modern languages and literatures at the University of Mary Washington, specializing in Spanish literature.

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## **Biography**

Elizabeth Franklin Lewis, Professor of Spanish, received a Ph.D. (1993) and M.A. (1989) in Spanish literature from the University of Virginia, after earning a B.A. (1987) in Spanish from Auburn University. She researches women writers and gender issues in 18th- and 19th-century Spain. Among her recent publications are two books, *Eve's Enlightenment: Women's Experience in Spain and Spanish America, 1726-1839* (LSU Press, 2009), and *Women Writers of the Spanish Enlightenment: The Pursuit of Happiness* (Ashgate, 2004), and two articles, "Actos de caridad: Women's Charitable Work in Eighteenth-Century Spain" (2008) and "The Sensibility of Motherhood: Josefa Amar y Borbón's Discurso sobre la educación física y moral de las mujeres (1790)" (2002). Dr. Lewis was awarded a 2011-2012 Mary Washington Faculty Development Grant for the project "Women and Charity in Spain, 1786-1939," a digital humanities project that she is completing with a team of undergraduate research students. She is a member of the Modern Language Association of America, the American Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies, the Ibero American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies and the Sociedad Español de Estudios del Dieciocho.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Writing and Editing

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Spanish Literature, Women's Studies, Digital Humanities, University Teaching, Academic Administration, Academic Writing, Gender Studies

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## **Affiliations**

Modern Language Association of America, American Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies, Sociedad Española de Estudios del Siglo Dieciocho, American Association of University Professors, Ibero-American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies

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## **Event Appearances**

**La «verdadera» Ilustración en «Fernando en Zaragoza, Una visión» de Frasquita Larrea (1814)**  
V Congreso de la Sociedad Española de Estudios del Siglo Dieciocho

## **Promoting Creative Thinking Through UMW Blogs**

UMW Faculty Academy

**Translation and Legitimization: Josefa Amar y Borbón's Italian Roots**  
American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Meeting

**Energizing, Inspiring, and Relevant Spanish Literature Studies? My Experimentation with an Undergraduate Course on the 19th-Century Novel**  
Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference

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## **Education**

**University of Virginia**  
Ph.D Spanish

**University of Virginia**  
M.A. Spanish

**Auburn University**  
B.A. Spanish

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Faculty Development Grant**

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