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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. – Dr. Margarita Pintado, assistant professor of Spanish at Ouachita Baptist University, recently presented at the Festival of Faith and Writing. The festival was held April 12-14 at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The biennial Festival of Faith and Writing attracts 2,000 people from across the world to celebrate both literature and belief. The festival was started in 1990 by the Calvin College English department and has hosted hundreds of writers, including Maya Angelou and Elie Wiesel.

Dr. Pintado gave a presentation titled “Finding God (and Poetry) in All Things” at the festival, recounting her experiences when she moved to Arkadelphia and began to find God and poetry throughout the town.

“My talk focused on finding inspiration on everything that informs our experience, from the big events like motherhood that transforms our life to the apparently insignificant like grocery shopping,” Dr. Pintado said. “My goal was to get across that the poet is someone who is always paying attention to her experiences.”

Dr. Pintado holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the Universidad de Puerto Rico and earned her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Spanish from Emory University. She is a member of the Modern Language Association and the Latin American Studies Association. Dr. Pintado has published *Ficción de venado* (*Fiction of the Deer*) and *Una muchacha que se parece a mí* (*A Girl Who Looks Like Me*).

“Dr. Pintado's increasingly important national role as a writer of poetry and prose has been a blessing for the Spanish major and the Department of Language and Literature at Ouachita,” said Dr. Jeff Root, dean of Ouachita's School of Humanities. “She uses her talents both to expand her field of study and to enhance her classroom teaching.”

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