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Mirta Toledo Visited UMCP

Argentinian born **Mirta Toledo**, who now resides in Forth Worth, Texas, recently visited UMCP to give a slide presentation of her work, which includes painting and sculpture. Part of her work was also exhibited in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese. Toledo held six solo exhibitions and sixty-eight group exhibitions, throughout her career. A graduate of the Belgrano School of Fine Arts, the Pueyrredón College of Fine Arts, and Cárcova College of Fine Arts (where she trained with sculptor Antonio Pujía), she received a fellowship in 1979 along with the first prize in a competitive sculpture exhibition. Since then, Toledo has won many other awards.

Her work reflects the artist's expression of the ethnic, cultural and individual diversity within her own life experience and heritage. Toledo's mother immigrated to Argentina from Spain, her father was Guaraní, and she has lived in both South and North America, and in Hawaii. "Through my sculptures, drawings, pottery, and writing, I am searching for answers. This is a creative way to express my feelings from living in between two cultures: The one I left, and the new one that I want to become a part of, without losing my identity," says Toledo.

In 1991, Mirta Toledo started writing. Since then, she has published *La semilla elemental* (novel) and several short stories in literary journals and anthologies.

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