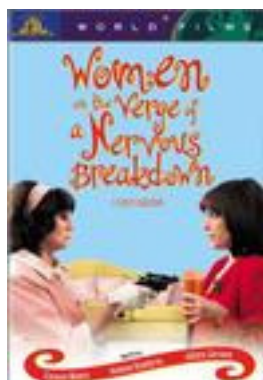


**UW-L Institute for Latino/a and Latin
American Studies
Presents**

A Spanish Film Series and Workshop

Mujeres al borde de un ataque de nervios



When: Thurs. Nov. 2 at 7 PM

Where: 141 Wimberly

With an introduction by Dr. Jean Janecki,
UW-L Assistant Professor of Spanish, followed by a question and discussion period

Presented in Spanish (with English subtitles)

Pedro Almodóvar broke into the art-house mainstream with this wild, manic comedy about a gaggle of women and their various problems with men, be they married lovers, cheating husbands, fiancés, or terrorists. Carmen Maura, stars as an actress who's just been dumped by her married lover. In the midst of trying to track him down for a face-to-face confrontation, she crosses paths with her lover's son (Antonio Banderas), his unbalanced wife, and his new girlfriend. Adding more fuel to the fire is the hapless friend who got involved with a Shiite terrorist and is now being hunted by the police. Almodóvar, a master of farcical screwball comedy, manages to keep all these balls in the air in dizzy, hilarious style without once losing his momentum. Chock full of the director's over-the-top stylization, in terms of both story and sets, the film is a hilarious yet heartfelt marriage of kitsch and drama, verging on parody but never going entirely over the top.

