Beginning a generation ago, critical analysis of *Celestina* has focused basically negative attention on the concept of the third person. The resulting neglect has meant a failure to scrutinize an important grammatical concept for its considerable literary significance to Rojas' text. This investigation is intended to rectify this situation.

My study of the third person in *Celestina* is divided into three parts: 1) the definition and function of the grammatical third person; 2) the tension among the characters as suggested by the third-person references appearing in the dialogue; and 3) the third-person perspective, regarding the fictive roles and the plot, supplied by the reader. The design of the study completes a full circle in that I have, first, approached the third person concept from a linguistic, extra-textual viewpoint, and then I have gone on to examine it intra-textually, as it arises and is dealt with by the characters themselves.

By basing my study of the third person concept, my investigation of *Celestina* is object, rather than subject, oriented. The results of some of my analyses add to the findings of previous studies by other critics, while other discussions initiate a re-appraisal of important critical assumptions. Still others focus on hitherto neglected portions of the text (that is, little interpreted). The origin of this third person in *Celestina* is in the I-you frame of the dialogue. All three grammatical persons must, at all times, be taken into consideration in a careful reading and analysis of the text.

The third person of *Celestina*’s dialogue can be seen, in effect, as the structure which enables the reader to play a specialized role...
in the unfolding of the work's meaning. The I-you shifting throughout provides the reader with a first interpretation of the text. Is is the semantic shifting of the third-person concept which will, on subsequent readings of Celestina, help modify the earlier reading/interpretation.

In the discussion of the functioning of the third-person concept in the text of Celestina, I intend to show how it--linked to but also separate from dialogue--can provide a useful and critical tool with which to gain a fuller understanding of Rojas' work.

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SIGUE UNA LISTA, solo parcial por supuesto, de las ponencias leídas sobre Celestina en los últimos cinco años. Tiene como objetos uno de animar a los lectores a que nos envíen datos que nos faltan y otro el de indicar la rica temática reflejada en los diversos estudios reunidos.

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