



**Katherine Borland, Associate Professor of Comparative Studies at The Ohio State University, makes opening remarks at the "Good Works in Central America" conference at the Mershon Center on May 3, 2012.**



**The "Good Works in Central America" conference critically examined travel-for-service and the micro-politics of encounters between privileged visitors (professionals, politically motivated groups, service-learning programs) and impoverished third-world communities they have visited, as well as the larger implications of poverty relief efforts organized outside of and sometimes in opposition to existing national and international institutions.**



**More than 85 people attended the Keynote presentation by Father Fernando Cardenal.**



**Father Cardenal's presentation was titled, "Priest in the Revolution: A Lifetime of Service to Youth in Poverty."**