

**From Guatemala to California via Brooklyn and Ann Arbor:  
The Life and Work of Sephardi Author Victor Perera (1934-2003)  
as Reflected in the University of Michigan Library  
Special Collections Research Center  
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**Description:** A son of Sephardic parents from Jerusalem, the author, journalist and scholar Victor Haim Perera (1934-2003), was born in Guatemala City and moved to New York at the age of twelve. He graduated from Brooklyn College and subsequently received a master's degree in English literature from the University of Michigan. After that, he moved to California to teach literature, writing and journalism at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and later at the Berkeley campus. Perera's writings focused on Sephardic Jewry and on Latin America (particularly the Maya Indians). The goal of this presentation is to offer a glimpse into his works, personal library, interviews and other materials housed at the University of Michigan Library Special Collections Research Center.

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