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Folklore and Collective Experience in French and Creole Louisiana

While literary folktales are often thought of as iconic fixed narratives, stories from the oral tradition collected by folklorists illustrate a remarkable degree of variation across different regions and cultures. Characters, humor, and even morality continually adapt to their context and audience. This talk will focus on the diverse influences of the folklore of French and Creole Louisiana and present the argument that folktales can act as a barometer for cultural contact and social adaptation.

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