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Rolando Hinojosa Smith, Jr. Lecture Series

A Reading With  
**Junot  
Díaz**



an acclaimed writer and the 2008 Pulitzer Prize winner for his highly anticipated first novel "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" (2007). He is also the author of "Drown" (1996). Junot Díaz's fiction has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Paris Review*, and *The Best American Short Stories*.

"Junot Díaz's 'Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao' is a wondrous not-so-brief first novel that is so original it can only be described as *Mario Vargas Llosa meets Star Trek meets David Foster Wallace Meets Kanye West*." - *New York Times*

His debut story collection, "Drown," published eleven years prior to "Oscar Wao," was also met with unprecedented acclaim; it became a national bestseller, won numerous awards, and has since grown into a landmark of contemporary literature. He is an associate professor of creative writing at MIT.

**Junot Díaz**

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

5:00pm

228 Natural History Building

will be interviewed on WILL AM 580  
radio on Friday, April 3 at 11:00am.

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