

The Rolando Hinojosa-Smith, Jr. Lecture Series



Writing Latino/a Lives: A Conversation with Helena María Viramontes and Manuel Muñoz



Helena María Viramontes is an award-winning writer and professor of creative writing at Cornell University. Viramontes is the author of "The Moths and Other Stories;" "Under the Feet of Jesus, a novel;" and the co-editor, with María Herrera Sobek, of two collections: "Chicana (W)rites: On Word and Film" and "Chicana Creativity and Criticism." Her latest novel, "Their Dogs Came With Them," was published in 2007 by Atria Books. She is the recipient of the Luis Leal Award and the John Dos Passos Award for Literature. Manuel Muñoz is the author of two collections of short stories: "The Faith Healer of Olive Avenue" and "Zigzagger." A finalist for the 2007 Frank O'Connor International Short Story Prize, Manuel is the recipient of a Constance Saltonstall Foundation Individual Artist's Grant in Fiction and a 2006 National Endowment for the Arts literature fellowship. Muñoz graduated from Harvard University and received his MFA in creative writing at Cornell University, where he was mentored by Viramontes. He now lives in New York City, where he is at work on a novel.

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