From the first conference held in Nicaragua in 1993, CILCA has been a space for intellectual exchange and friendship for academics and writers. The conference has been held in all of the Central American countries, and for the first time in its history, CILCA will be held in the United States. New Orleans, LA was chosen for the conference as it is the port between the Caribbean and Central America. Significant cultural exchange occurs between New Orleans and Central America and the city hosts one of the largest Honduran communities in the United States. Tulane University has long ties to the region through the Stone Center for Latin American Studies, the Latin American Library, and the Middle American Research Institute. Loyola University New Orleans is renowned for its work with Hispanic communities particularly through the Law School and the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.
Drs. Maureen Shea and Uriel Quesada, experts in Central American literature and culture, are organizing the conference, with the support of Dr. Jorge Román Lagunas, the creator and promoter of CILCA.

We invite our friends, colleagues, and graduate students to send an abstract of no more than 200 words and/or proposals for sessions prior to November 30, 2014 to Dr. Maureen Shea (mshea@tulane.edu) and Dr. Uriel Quesada (uquesada@loyno.edu)

Include the following information: state/country of origin, institutional affiliation, mailing address, email address, and any other relevant information.

CILCA XXIII will have the following special guests

· Rodrigo Rey Rosa, Guatemalan writer
· Jacinta Escudos, Salvadorian writer
· Nadia Reiman, National Public Radio (NPR) producer

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