



## ***Using Children's Literature to Explore Latin American/Latino Children's Literature***

Américas Award K-12 Teacher Workshop

Saturday, October 6, 2012

Busboys & Poets

Washington, DC

**9:00 – 9:15**

*Introduction to the Américas*

**Claire González**, Vanderbilt University

**Denise Woltering Vargas**, Tulane University

**9:15 – 10:00**

*Reading the Américas*

**Julie Kline**, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

**Ruth Quiroa**, National Louis University

This session will explore Américas Award titles as resources for the classroom, library and home. We'll go further in depth with this year's award-winning books, their connection with the Common Core Standards, and specifically their potential for both curriculum use and teacher professional learning.

**10:00 – 10:40**

*Where Art Meets Text: Creating Multicultural Literature for Children*

**Monica Brown**, Author of *Pablo Neruda: Poet of the People*, Northern Arizona University

**Julie Paschkis**, Illustrator *Pablo Neruda: Poet of the People*

Monica Brown and Julie Paschkis will discuss the process of creating multicultural children's biographies and the role of children's literature in the elementary classroom. They will explore the connections between language, literacy, and social justice from an author's/illustrator's perspective.

**10:40 – 11:00**

*Bringing Central America into the Classroom*

**Deborah Menkart**, Executive Director, Teaching for Change

**América Calderón**, Parent Organizer, Teaching for Change

Deborah Menkart and América Calderón will engage participants in a mapping activity while introducing new online resources. All participants will also work on a poem to create a collective poem for the closing activity of the workshop.