The Creative Writing Program at Florida International University wishes to announce the Spring 2012 season of Writers on the Bay, a series of readings with distinguished poets and writers. The readings start at 8:00 p.m. All readings are free and open to the public, and are followed by a reception and book signing. For further information, please call the English Department at (305) 919-5857.

**Luis Alberto Urrea**  
February 16, 2012, Thursday, in the Biscayne Bay Campus Bookstore, located in the Wolfe Center 1st Floor

Luis Alberto Urrea, a Pulitzer Prize finalist and member of the Latino Literature Hall of Fame, is the best-selling author of 14 books, most recently *Queen of America*. The sequel to *The Hummingbird’s Daughter*, *The Queen of America* continues the spellbinding saga of his distant relation, Teresita Urrea, also known as the Saint of Cabora. Winner of numerous awards, Urrea is a novelist, poet and essayist known for his lyrical and sometimes brutal reflections on life along the U.S.-Mexico border. He is Distinguished Professor of creative writing at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

**Isabel Allende**  
March 5, 2012, Monday, 8:00 p.m., in the WUC Ballroom, WUC 244

Reservations are required. Please contact the English Department at leem@fiu.edu or 305-919-5857 to make your reservations. Limit 2 reservations per person.

Isabel Allende will receive the 3rd Annual Lawrence A. Sanders Award for Fiction. Ms. Allende is one of the world’s most celebrated and successful women writers of serious fiction. Her 19 books have sold more than 57 million copies in 35 languages and include the award winning *The House of the Spirits*, *Of Love and Shadows, Paula*, and *Daughter of Fortune*. Her stories are forged from her reservoir of family memories and the rich history, culture and myths of Chile and Latin America. Combining fantasy and realism, her work is noted for its panoramic range of time, places, people and emotions. In 1992, following the untimely death of her daughter, she created the Isabel Allende Foundation which supports the empowerment of women and girls worldwide. The Lawrence A. Sanders Award, believed to be unique in American letters, is awarded annually to a writer of fiction, identified by The F.I.U. Creative Writing Program, and whose work combines literary excellence with popular appeal. The award is supported by a grant from the Lawrence A. Sanders Foundation of Boca Raton. Sanders, who died in 1998, was himself an author of well-regarded popular novels, including *The First Deadly Sin*.

**F.I.U. Student Literary Awards Reading**  
April 19, 2012, Thursday, in the Biscayne Bay Campus Bookstore, located in the Wolfe Center 1st Floor

Honors will be showered upon winners of the F.I.U. Student Literary Awards. The Literary Awards entries are evaluated by outside judges. The student winners will read from their fiction, poetry, and non-fiction works.

Requests from individuals with physical disabilities who may need specific accommodations must be made five working days in advance. Please call the English Department at (305) 919-5857.

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