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FALL BREAK EXTRA

English Department Members: The following (arguably) relevant events are scheduled for the week of 21-25 October. Normal publication of the *DNB* will resume this Friday. If you would like further details on Cristina Garcia's visit or any other previously-mentioned Department news item, refer to the Department's bulletin boards or go to the Department website, <www.ku.edu/~english> and click on the *DNB* link. Remember, from now on, if you want to refer to the *DNB*, the most recent issue will be available electronically.

Cristina Garcia



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What does it mean to have Hispanic roots, and also to achieve comfort, familiarity, and relative success within mainstream American culture? What are the benefits of this duality? What are the drawbacks and penalties?

Cristina Garcia illustrates the complexities of a dual cultural identity, a topic close to the hearts of millions of Americans. Author of the National Book Award-nominated *Dreaming in Cuban* as well as the acclaimed *The Aguero Sisters*, Cristina was born in Havana,

raised in New York and attended Columbia University. Prior to becoming a novelist she worked as a political journalist, serving as Time Magazine's bureau chief for Florida and the Caribbean. She has been a Guggenheim Fellow, a fellow at Princeton University, and is the recipient of the Whiting Writers Award.

Cristina is a powerful speaker with a marvellous charm. She illuminates the complexities of a dual cultural identity and details her views of the immigrant experience. Cristina also offers her insight as an author and holds workshop and discussion groups for writers, both students and professionals. (From the Lavin Agency website.)

DEPARTMENT CALENDAR

M 21 Advisory Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm, 3132 Wescoe.

M 21- CTE Lunch & Conversation, "Training GTAs," John

T 22 Colombo, Mary Lee Hummert, Maureen Gillespie, Chris Haugler, and Rosalea Postma-Carttar (October 21); Monica Biernat, Estela Gavosto, Janet Robinson, **Sonya Lancaster**, and Jim Woelfel, 12-1:00 pm, 135 Budig.

T 22 Graduate School Fall Workshop, "Integrity in Research and Scholarship," 8:30 am-12:30 pm, Kansas Memorial Union.

Lecturers and Readers, "Conversation With the Author," **Cristina Garcia**, novelist, 4:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.

Lecturers and Readers, Reading, **Cristina Garcia**, 7:30 pm, Malott Room, Kansas Union.

W 23 Lecturers and Readers, Class, **Cristina Garcia** visits **Marta Caminero-Santangelo's** Latina Writers class, 10:30-11:20 am, 4025 Wescoe. Members of the University community are welcome, but no full classes (room capacity: 70).

R 24 Associate and Full Professors Meeting to discuss the promotion and tenure candidacies of **Kathryn Conrad** and **Byron Caminero-Santangelo**, 4:00 pm, 4019 Wescoe. Files available in 3108 Wescoe for review.

KU EVENTS

M 21 Philosophy & Literature Seminar, "Borges and Authorial Intentions," James R. Hamilton, Kansas State, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.

W 23 American Seminar, "From Dinosaurs to Hummingbirds: American Indian Sovereignty, European Mini-States, and United States Energy Policies," Carter Revard, English, Washington University-St. Louis, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.

KU Perspectives, "*Citizen Kane*: Before and After," Ron Wilson, Theatre & Film, 3:30 pm, Kress Gallery.

Our History Part II: Listening to America/Lawrence, 1945-1972, "Colliding Values: Berkeley on the Kaw," Steve Jansen, Watkins Community Museum, 6:00 pm, Watkins Community Museum.

R 24 Humanities Lecture Series, "Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies," **Jared Diamond**, UCLA School of Medicine, 7:30 pm, Lied Center.

University Theatre's Iphigenia at Aulis opens, 7:30 pm, Inge Theatre, Murphy Hall. Runs 24-26, 29-31 October, 1-2 November, 7:30 pm, 27 October, 2:30 pm.

F 25 Nature & Culture Seminar, "A Conversation with Jared Diamond," 10:00-11:30 am, Adams Alumni Center-Summerfield Room.

Jared Diamond Colloquium, "The Human Impact on the Environment: A Student Forum with Jared Diamond," 1:00-2:30 pm, Adams Alumni Center-Summerfield Room.

War, Peace, and Diplomacy Seminar, "Women in Combat: Generalizing From the Russian Experience of World War II," Reina Pennington, Norwich University, 4:00-5:30 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.