

**Diasporan Exchanges: Caribbean/Hispanic Roots of Remembrance
IRP, Spring 2015, Syllabus**

Weeks 1-3: Growing up between two imaginary worlds:
Inaugural poet Richard Blanco's memoir *The Prince of Los Cocuyos*

Weeks 4-5: "...in love with the land where I was born"
Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor's memoir *My Beloved World*

Weeks 6-7: Speaking in tongues ...
Junot Diaz's Pulitzer Prize novel *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*

Spring Break March 16th – 29th

Week 8: Reggae-poetry of Linton Kwesi Johnson - handouts

Week 9: Visit to Caribbean/Hispanic Cultural Center - handouts, poetry

Weeks 10-11: Martin Espada's *Puerto Rico Poems Crucifixion in the Plaza de Armas*

Week 12: Guest writers Readings
Fiesta/Celebration (potluck)
Final Discussion