

# special events

FALL  
2015  
LECTURES



## National Hispanic Heritage Month:

Join us for these special events in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, recognizing Hispanic and Latino American heritage and culture.

### Readings by Steven Gutierrez & Dawna Kemper:

#### *Sir Real & The Minerva's Gatekeeper*

Come enjoy readings by authors Stephen Gutierrez and Dawna Kemper. Gutierrez — a professor in the English Department at California State University, East Bay — completed the trilogy he calls “My Three-Volume BOXED Set” with his recent book, *The Mexican Man in His Backyard* (the first two are *Elements*, winner of FC2’s Nilon Award, and *Live from Fresno y Los*, winner of an American Book Award). His play *Game Day* received the 2010 Maxim Mazumdar New Play Competition in the One-Act Category Award. Kemper, an SMC English instructor, is the author of the short story “Hotel Minerva” — published in the Spring 2015 edition of *Santa Monica Review*, SMC’s national literary arts journal — and has had her work included in *The Kenyon Review*, *The Idaho Review*, *Quarterly West*, and other journals. She was also listed as “Notable” by Best American Nonrequired Reading. Sponsored by the SMC Associates ([www.smc.edu/associates](http://www.smc.edu/associates)), SMC Latino Center’s Adelante Program and SMC Black Collegians. **Seating is strictly on a first-arrival basis.**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 • 11:15am • FREE • HSS 165**

### Poetry Reading: Ernest Padilla, Mario Padilla, Wil Doucet & Friends

#### *Unacknowledged Legislators of the World*

Enjoy poetry readings by SMC English professors Ernesto Padilla, Mario Padilla, Wilfred Doucet, and their special guests. Ernesto Padilla is both a poet providing an inner illumination and elevating our spirits, and a publisher who has introduced us to writers such as Poet Laureate of the United States Juan Felipe Herrera and SMC alum Michele Serros. Mario Padilla — awarded a Fulbright to collect and translate the early works of Borges — has had his poetry published in *North American Review*, *The Antioch Review*, and others. Wil Doucet is a poet whose work infused with influences ranging from Bob Marley to Bessie Smith to Carl Sandburg demonstrates that, fueled by aesthetic fortitude, we transcend the obstacles before us. Sponsored by the SMC Associates ([www.smc.edu/associates](http://www.smc.edu/associates)), SMC Latino Center’s Adelante program, and the SMC English Department. **Seating is strictly on a first-arrival basis.**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 • 11:15am • FREE • ART 214**

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