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TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

District 4

FALL MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021
9:00AM - 3:00PM

Remarks by Mr. Dan Burgard, TLA
President 2021-2022 and District 4
Business Meeting

9:00 - 10:00AM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Marisol Cortez

Luz at Midnight author & 2021 Sergio
Troncoso Award Winner

10:00 - 10:50AM

Rooted in San Antonio, Marisol Cortez writes across genre about place, power, and the possibilities proliferating at the margins for all the other borderwalking weirdos out there.

Always a poet, she strayed for a time into an academic career, where she earned a Ph.D. in cultural studies before returning to San Antonio to write in service of collective efforts to protect la madre tierra. A mama of two, she currently juggles responsibilities for Deceleration, an online journal of environmental justice thought and praxis.



RESOURCE PRESENTATION

Jennifer Rodriguez

RGV Homeschoolers

11:00 - 11:50AM

Jennifer Rodriguez is the founder of RGV Homeschoolers, a homeschooling group for the Rio Grand Valley, that serves to empower and equip parents to educate their children at home.

Through social media, Jennifer has helped thousands of families successfully transition into homeschooling. As an educational consultant, specializing in homeschooling, she works to provide resources to the community.



EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Billy Cryer, Ph.D.

Texas A&M International University

1:00 - 1:50PM

Billy Cryer, Ph.D. is an academic, professional-track, faculty member in the Department of Humanities at Texas A&M International University in Laredo, Texas. His research centers on composition pedagogy, the experience of literature, and information literacy.

Besides teaching students' literacy in conjunction with information literacy, Dr. Cryer enjoys digital photography, exploring nature, and reading an inordinate amount of Science Fiction novels.

TEXAS LITERATURE PRESENTATION

Margarita "Margie" Longoria

Living Beyond Borders, author/editor

2:00 - 2:50PM

Margarita Longoria is a lifelong bookworm, book blogger, and an award-winning high school librarian in South Texas. She is the founder of Border Book Bash: Celebrating Teens and Tweens of the Rio Grande Valley and served on state reading committees for the Texas Library Association.

She holds a BA and an MA in English and an MLS in Library Science. You can visit Margie online at margiesmustreads.com and follow her on Instagram at @MargiesMustReads.



Closing Remarks

2:50 - 3:00PM