

The Centre for Feminist Research (CFR) and The Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLAC) present

Place, Home and the World in Caribbean Women's Writing:

Aida Bahr and Olive Senior in Conversation.

Wednesday, October 6th 2010

2:30pm-4:30pm
(Reception to follow)

STONG COLLEGE ROOM 111
(Junior Common Room)



Olive Senior and Aida Bahr are leading women writers in English and Spanish respectively. Both women explore issues of identity, gender, place and culture in the Caribbean and beyond.

Aida Bahr is one of Cuba's most distinguished women writers and winner of the Carpentier Prize for Literature (2007), Cuba's highest literary award for *Ofelias*. She is author of 12 books - fiction, essays and screenplays. Bahr's voice is Latina, Caribbean and feminist in its approach to sexuality, identity, gender, and coming of age in Cuba.

Olive Senior is a poet, fiction writer, journalist and editor, and one of Jamaica and Canada's most acclaimed authors. She is winner of the Commonwealth Writers' Prize for her short story collection "Summer Lightning" and a finalist for the Governor General's Literary Award for her poetry collection "Over the Roofs of the World". Among Senior's favourite themes are the inter-relationship of nature and culture the Caribbean, the endurance of non-western cultures in the region and its diaspora and a robust and ironic critique of colonial legacies of racism and social hierarchy in the present.

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