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“Brazilian Writers and their Translators”

The Center for Translation Studies at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign will offer a culture talk and reading series on Brazilian literature in translation to take place on the Urbana campus on November 15-16, 2009. Participants are João Almino (with translator Elizabeth Jackson), Ignacio de Loyola Brandão (with Translator Nelson Vieira), and Miriam Alves (with translator Rick Santos). The purpose of the program is to give a fresh, contemporary view of Brazilian literature to the English-speaking audience who may have limited knowledge of Brazilian literary culture. This program will benefit students and faculty of the University of Illinois, as well as community members and colleagues in translation programs and associations in the region. The format of the program will combine a moderated culture talk with bilingual readings by the authors and their translators. The authors selected are canonical figures in Brazilian literature, who have been published by Dalkey Archive Press, associated with the University of Illinois, or are under consideration by the Press. They represent diverse trends in contemporary Brazilian letters that defy stereotypes of Brazilian culture and place Brazilian literature in the vanguard of contemporary inter-American writing.