

Press Release

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2011 American Book Awards

"The American Book Awards are different from the National Book Awards...how? Is it like a National league/American league type of thing?" Monica Hesse, Washington Post Staff Writer, Friday, October 9, 2009

The Before Columbus Foundation announces the recipients of the 31st Annual American Book Awards for 2011

- Keith Gilyard for *John Oliver Killens*
- Akbar Ahmed for *Journey Into America: The Challenge of Islam*
- Camille T. Dungy for *Suck on the Marrow*
- Karen Yamashita for *I Hotel*
- William W. Cook and James Tatum for *African American Writers & Classical Tradition*
- Gerald Vizenor for *Shrouds of White Earth*
- Eric Gansworth for *Extra Indians*
- Ivan Argüelles for *The Death of Stalin*
- Geoffrey Alan Argent for *The Complete Plays of Jean Racine: Volume I: The Fratricides*
- Neela Vaswani for *You Have Given Me a Country*
- Sasha Pimentel Chacón for *Insides She Swallowed: Poems by Sasha Pimentel Chacón*
- Miriam Jiménez Román and Juan Flores for *The Afro-Latin@ Reader: History of Culture in the United States*
- Carmen Gimenez Smith for *Bring Down the Little Birds*

Lifetime Achievement Awards:

John A. Williams

Luis Valdez

Hosted by the Department of English, the ceremony will take place on Sunday, October 16, 2011 at The University of California at Berkley Alumni House.

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from 2-5 PM.

Congratulations to the awardees

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