

# Mending the World: Poetry, Activism and Healing

In celebration of

National Poetry Month, National Library Week and Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Cal State Fullerton is hosting readings by poets

**Karen An-hwei Lee**

**Traci Kato-Kiriyama**

Thursday, April 28, 2011

**Cal State Fullerton Pollak Library, PLN-130**

Free & Open to the Public

- 11:00am-11:40am\* Faculty & Staff Reading
- 12noon-12:50pm *signaling* - a poetry reading and discussion on art, activism, passion and survival by Traci Kato-Kiriyama
- 1:00pm-2:15pm *signaling art+activism* - a creative writing workshop on collaborative, creative processes as a way to build community, with Traci Kato-Kiriyama
- 2:30pm-3:45pm Beauty from Ashes: A Woman Warrior's Journey of Awareness, a reading and lecture by Karen An-hwei Lee
- 4:00pm-5:00pm\* World Languages Session, with a special tribute to Liu Xiaobo, literary critic, poet, 2010 Nobel Peace Laureate  
Music: Brittany Su
- 5:00pm-6:00pm\* CSUF & Community Reading



**Karen An-hwei Lee** is the author of *Ardor* (Tupelo Press, 2008) and *In Medias Res* (Sarabande Books, 2004), winner of the Kathryn A. Morton Prize and the Norma Farber First Book Award. Her chapbook, *God's One Hundred Promises*, received the Swan Scythe Press Prize. The recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Grant, she lives and teaches in southern California, where she is a novice harpist.

**Traci Kato-Kiriyama** is a multi-disciplinary performing artist, author, arts educator, community organizer and founder/director of the Tuesday Night Project and the "1st & 3rd Tuesday Night Café," one of the longest-running free public arts series in Downtown LA/Little Tokyo. As a performer, Traci participates in a dynamic range of performance art, acting, music projects and puppetry. *signaling* is her debut collection of poetry that was published in 2010 by independent publishers, The Undenables.



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