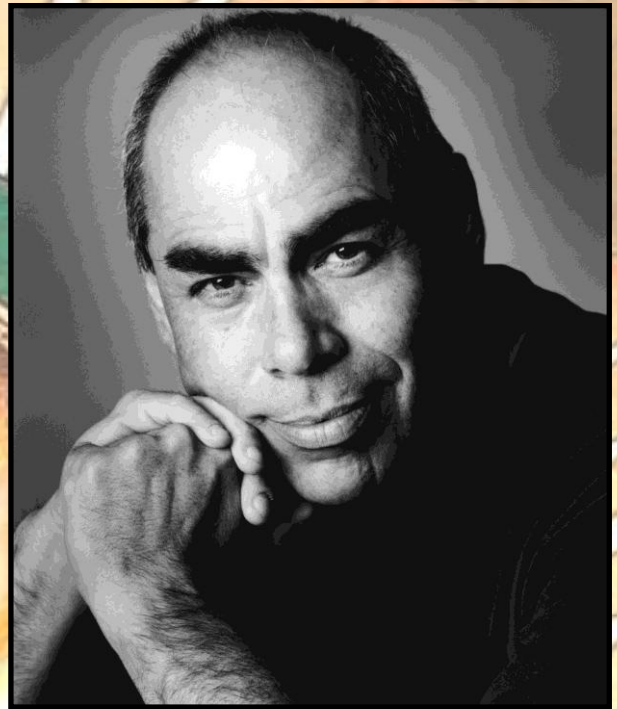


Poet
novelist, screenwriter,
**Jimmy Santiago
Baca**
reads from *A Glass of Water*



Born in New Mexico of Chicano and Apache descent, Jimmy Santiago Baca was raised first by his grandmother and was later sent to an orphanage. A runaway at age thirteen, it was after Baca was sentenced to five years in a maximum security prison at the age of twenty-one that he began to turn his life around: there he learned to read and write and found his passion for poetry. He is the winner of the Pushcart Prize, the American Book Award, the National Poetry Award, the International Hispanic Heritage Award, and, for his memoir *A Place To Stand*, the prestigious International Award.

Baca has devoted his post-prison life to writing and teaching others who are overcoming hardship. His themes include American Southwest barrios, addiction, injustice, education, community, love and beyond. He has conducted hundreds of writing workshops in prisons, community centers, libraries, and universities throughout the country.

Bibliography: *A Glass of Water*, *A Place to Stand*, *The Importance of a Piece of Paper*, *Spring Poems Along the Rio Grande*, *Winter Poems Along the Rio Grande*, *C-Train & 13 Mexicans*, *Healing Earthquakes*, *Set This Book On Fire!*, *Working in the Dark*, *Immigrants in Our Own Land*, *Black Mesa Poems*, *Martin & Meditations on the South Valley*.

Public Reading and Book Signing

EPCC-Little Temple

903 N. El Paso St. (Rio Grande Campus)
April 13th, 2010 6:00-7:30 PM

Blood in, Blood Out: Bound by Honor, an original film by Jimmy Baca, will be screened at EPCC, Valle Verde campus, room A-1121, April 8th, 6:00 p.m.—hosted by MEChA

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