

**HT Visiting Writers Series**  
**with support of the Shanti Foundation**  
**presents a reading and dialogue with**

**Octavio Quintanilla** is the author of the poetry collection, *If I Go Missing* (Slough Press, 2014). His work has appeared in *Salamander*, *RHINO*, *Alaska Quarterly Review*, *Southwestern American Literature*, *The Texas Observer*, *Texas Books in Review*, and elsewhere. He is a CantoMundo Fellow and holds a PhD from the University of North Texas. He teaches Literature and Creative Writing in the MA/MFA program at Our Lady of the Lake University.

An astonishing debut, *If I Go Missing* is timely, fearless, and necessary. In these poems, Octavio Quintanilla measures displacement with language and grapples with the longing to begin anew, to return to what was left unsaid, undone. Redemption is not always possible in the geography of these poems, but there is always a sense of hope. And by this pulse we are guided, the poet's unmistakable voice that, finally, clears the way so we may find our bearing.



**2015 Texas Poet Laureate Dr. Carmen Tafolla** is the author of numerous award-winning books of poetry, nonfiction works, short stories, and books for children. Among the most anthologized of all Latina writers, her works include *This River Here: Poems of San Antonio*, *Rebozos*, *The Holy Tortilla and a Pot of Beans: A Feast of Short Fiction*; *Curandera*, *Sonnets and Salsa*, and *Sonnets to Human Beings & Other Selected Works*. Tafolla is the recipient of numerous awards, including five International Latino Book Awards, two Tomas Rivera Children's Book Awards, a Charlotte Zolotow, and an Americas Book Award. In 1999, Tafolla was presented with one of her most cherished honors, the "Art of Peace Award" for writings which contribute to "peace, justice, and human understanding." Tafolla currently lives in the city of her ancestors, San Antonio, Texas, and teaches in the Bicultural-Bilingual Studies Department at the University of Texas at San Antonio. She is at work on the adult biography of noted Chicana civil rights leader Emma Tenayuca, and is the co-author of the children's book on Emma, *That's not Fair: Emma*

*Tenayuca's Struggle for Justice.*

**Carmen Tafolla, 2015 Texas Poet Laureate**  
**and Octavio Quintanilla, author of *If I Go Missing***  
**in celebration of**  
**International Day of Peace & Hispanic Heritage Month**

**Monday, September 21, 2015**  
**12:30-2:00p**  
**Davage-Durden Student Union**

*free and open to the public*  
*book signing to follow reading*