

Welcome to 2014 Contributing Bloggers



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We write today to welcome the inaugural group of *Mujeres Talk* Contributing Bloggers. **Kimberly Blaeser, Linda Garcia Merchant** and **Elena Herrada** have agreed to serve in this position for 2014. As Contributing Bloggers, Blaeser, Merchant and Herrada will be writing for *Mujeres Talk* throughout the year — so look for their posts! *Mujeres Talk* readers will remember that Kimberly Blaeser's poem "Dictionary for a New Century," launched our 2014 year, and we're looking forward to more poetry as well as commentary and research this year. An independent filmmaker, Merchant will be writing about some of her current film and research projects. Herrada, who has been active in multiple Detroit communities, plans to write about community projects and experiences.

All three of our 2014 Contributing Bloggers are from the Midwest: Blaeser grew up on the White Earth Reservation in northwestern Minnesota and currently lives and works in Wisconsin; Merchant grew up in and continues to reside in Chicago, Illinois; and Herrada is a lifelong resident of Detroit, Michigan. Their long and rich experience and research in Native American, Chicana/o, African American and Latina/o communities of the Midwest brings additional breadth and depth to *Mujeres Talk*, and to multiple academic and artistic fields. We invite you to visit the **2014 Contributing Bloggers** page on our site to learn more about the newest members of the *Mujeres Talk* project.

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