

ONE BOOK/ONE CAMPUS @ VENTURA COLLEGE

LUIS J. RODRIGUEZ

Luis J. Rodriguez is the author of *ALWAYS RUNNING*, the book selected this year as part of the ONE BOOK/ONE CAMPUS program. *ALWAYS RUNNING* is an outstanding book that teaches us about gang life. It is the most stolen and censored book in the United States.

Luis is the official Poet Laureate for Los Angeles. For Luis, poetry is an expression of the soul and a means to share passion and emotion and a powerful means to enlarge one's presence in the world. Luis is also a novelist with outstanding books such as *Always Running*, *La Vida Loca*, *It Calls You Back*, *An Odyssey Through Love*, *Addiction & Revolution*. Luis is also a peace activist, healer, and youth advocate. He is co-founder of Tia Chucha's Centro Cultural and bookstore in the San Fernando Valley. He has published several poems: *The Concrete River*, *My Nature to Hunger*, and *Trochemoche*. Luis is committed to striving for a clean, balanced, abundant, and peaceful, cooperative world.

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 22, 2015**

**6-9:00PM
GUTHRIE HALL**

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