

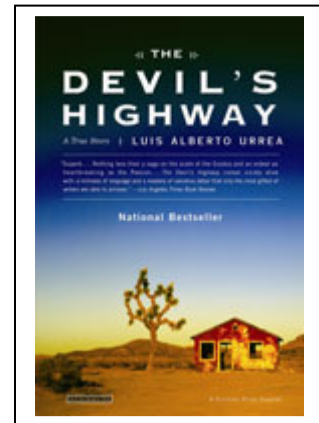


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## Urrea Lecture and Reception

The Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity (OMA&D) hosted an evening with Luis Alberto Urrea, author of the University of Washington common book, *The Devil's Highway* on Thursday, October 23, 2008. The evening consisted of an informal discussion, in which student's questions were answered, followed by an autograph session, and a reception.

Born in Tijuana, Mexico, Urrea is a prolific and acclaimed writer who uses his dual-culture life experiences to explore greater themes of love, loss and triumph. *The Devil's Highway* takes us on a journey very few people know about, and fewer attempt. "--we follow 26 men who in May 2001 attempted to cross the Mexican border into the desert of southern Arizona, through the deadly region known as the Devil's Highway, a desert so harsh and desolate that even the Border Patrol is afraid to travel through it. Only 12 of the men made it out." --From the paperback edition of *The Devil's Highway*.



Luis Alberto Urrea is a critically acclaimed author of 11 books and has won multiple awards, including a Lannan Literary Award and was a finalist for the Pulitzer prize and the Pacific Rim Kiriayama Prize for *The Devil's Highway*.