

K-12 Outreach 2012-2013 Professional Development for Teachers

Fall 2012 K-12 Workshop: December 7, 2012

“Transforming Violence into Music”

Concert by Cesar Lopez, world renown peace activist and musician, inventor of the *escopetarra*, an assault rifle used during the Colombian armed conflict now transformed into a guitar, which has become a symbol for peace and hope.

Spring 2013 K-12 Workshop: February 19, 2013

“Story Studio: Nurturing Strong Writers through Visual and Oral Storytelling.”

Greg Ayers, who directs the federally funded Story Studio Project for [Urban Arts Partnership](#), exposed participants in this workshop to effective instructional strategies for developing writing skills in English Language Learners. Instructional materials were available at no charge and copies of Cisneros’ book were available for purchase.

Spring 2013 K-12 Workshop: February 20, 2013

“Aligning the Common Core Learning Standards to Meet the Needs of Emergent Bilinguals: How Latin American & Caribbean Literature Strengthens Reading Performance for Grade 6-12 Students.”

Barnard instructor Maria Eugenia Lozano led a workshop on how Latin American & Caribbean literature can strengthen readers' engagement in the classroom. Barnard Professor Maria Eugenia Lozano lead a workshop on how Latin American & Caribbean literature can strengthen readers' engagement in the classroom. Participants in the workshop received free copies of Sandra Cisneros' book "The House on Mango Street," Pan Muñoz Ryan's best-seller "Esperanza Rising," and Esmeralda Santiago's "When I was Puerto Rican," and were discussed strategies to incorporate these texts in their classrooms.