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Govine Ituarte published her first poetry art book, *Oh Where is My Candle Hat?* in collaboration with artist Luis Ituarte in English and Spanish, November 2012 with a CD recording in both languages. Her second poetry art book, *Alterations|Thread Light Through Eye of Storm*, was published March 2015 in English with art work provided by Luis. Her poetry has appeared in the *Altadena Poetry Review Anthology 2015*; *San Gabriel Valley Poetry Quarterly*, *Poetry and Cookies*, *HomeTown Pasadena*, and *Frontera-Esquina* magazine in Tijuana, Mexico. She was one of three poets cited out of 60 poets by *U.S. Poetry Review* for her poem "Identity." Gerda is the recipient of a grant from the Altadena Library District and *Poets and Writers Magazine* via The James Irvine Foundation. She is a member of the Association of Writers & Writing Programs and will be co-teaching a poetry workshop for The Pasadena Writing Project Workshop with Desiree Zamora, September-October 2015.

She has been featured at Avenue 50, La Palabra; The World Stage, Leimert Park Book Fair, Los Angeles; Indelible Ink, Louis Jane Design; Public Address Retreat, San Diego and Spending a Little Time with Poetry, public access television Pasadena. Her readings include: North Hollywood Lit Crawl 2013 & 2014; La Canada Book Store, La Pintoresca, Santa Catalina, and San Rafael Library in Pasadena; Altadena Library District, State of California Department of Fair Employment and Housing and OhTu retreat center in Redondo Beach, CA. Govine Ituarte's international readings include: Casa de la Poesia, and Teatro Nacional in Havana, Cuba, May 25 and 28, 2015; Centro Cultural de Tijuana Federal gallery/performance space, Tijuana, Mexico 2012 & 2013; and the Q Center, Victoria BC, Canada, 2013. She is a member of Beyond Baroque; Poetry Society of America; Association of Writers and Writing Programs; International Black Writers and Artists Association, Los Angeles; and Public Address artist organization in San Diego, CA.

Govine Ituarte was born in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and immigrated to New York City in the mid-1950s and California in the early 1980s. She lives with her artist husband Luis and pooch Tres Colores in Pasadena. From 1999-2012, they travelled between Pasadena and Tijuana and operated La Casa del Tunel: Art Center and the

Mariposa Gallery in La Colonia Federal. Both venues were turned over to other non-profits in 2012 and continue to be operational and sustained.

Govine Ituarte writes, "As We Speak," a column for the Pasadena San Gabriel Valley Journal. She graduated from Teachers College Columbia University with an M.A. and Ed.D. in Higher and Adult Education Administration and Research. She earned a B.S. and M.A. in Business Education from New York University and an Alternative Dispute Resolution Certificate from Pepperdine University, Straus Center, School of Law. She serves as a Commissioner for the Los Angeles County Commission for Women and is a member of Assemblyman Chris Holden District 41 Women's Advisory Committee and board member, Adelante Youth Alliance. As CEO of G. Govine Consulting (www.govineconsults.com) she conducts diversity and inclusion climate studies, provides training and workshops; and serves as an expert witness, litigation consultant and mediator in the areas of gender, race, and age discrimination.

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