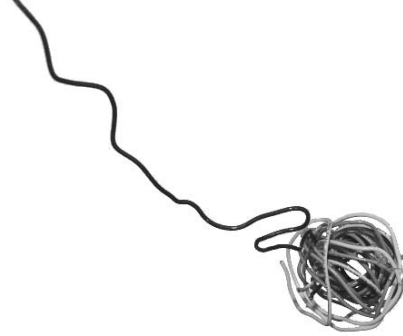


MIT Visual Arts Program  
Monday Nights @ VAP



# Doris Sommer, Carmen Oquendo-Villar Pre-Emptive Acts: Theater and the Law

Mon 11/27/06  
7–9pm

Pre-Emptive Acts: Theater and the Law /  
an interactive exploration of  
Boal's Forum Theater

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Open to the general public.

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This event is presented in  
conjunction with course  
4.303 The Production of Space:  
Dialogues in Art, Architecture and  
Urbanism, taught by Professor  
Ute Meta Bauer.

The Cultural Agents Initiative is a network of academics, artists and administrators who demonstrate that creativity is a foundation of democracy. Without resourceful and flexible citizens to enable non-aggressive solutions to social crises, and to consider debates from several points of view, democracy is unthinkable. Creativity and free judgment, the hallmarks of an aesthetic education, are also the antidotes for authoritarianism and for despair. Tragedy, from a Cultural Agent perspective, often turns out to be a failure of imagination.

Art promotes agency. It turns economic and political constraints into invitations for creative developments of existing rights and resources. For example, a mayor uses street theater to recover respect for traffic regulations; and a theater director uses interactive drama to inspire legislative reforms. Photographers teach street children to reframe their world; and dance troupes keep students from dropping out of school.

Video artist and LGBT activist, Carmen Oquendo fosters social change through art. Doris Sommer, teaches literature and Directs the Cultural Agents Initiative.

#### Directions

The Visual Arts Program at MIT is located above the MIT Museum. Enter through the grey door on Front Street and take the elevator to the third floor. Exit to your left and go down the ramp. The Joan Jonas Performance Hall is located on the right.

#### By Public Transportation

Take the Red Line to Central Square. Walk four blocks along Massachusetts Avenue towards Boston and the Charles River, or take the #1 bus to the stop on Massachusetts Avenue at Pacific Street, across from the MIT Museum.