



Lawrence History Center

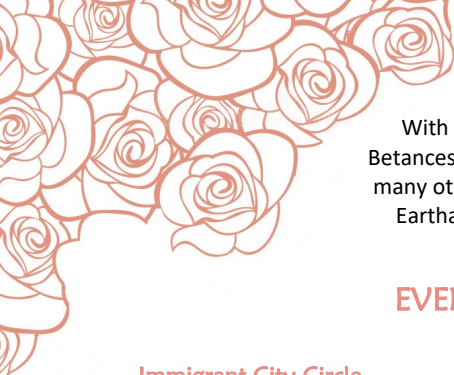
2022 EARTHA DENGLER
HISTORY AWARD CEREMONY

in honor of

Yadira Betances Muldoon

Thursday, June 16, 2022
Cardinal Shoe Mill Building
468 N. Canal Street, Lawrence





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Yadira Betances Muldoon

Recipient of the

2022 EARTHA DENGLER HISTORY AWARD

The Gift of Writing

Yadira Betances Muldoon is a lover of history, family, religion, and education...
and a writer with a love for Lawrence.

Born in Neiba, Dominican Republic, after her mother's passing, Yadira was raised by two aunts and an uncle and arrived in Lawrence as a middle schooler. A teacher at the Oliver School reminded her that she was "somebody special." At Lawrence High School the writing teacher saw her talent and urged her to use it to write stories about what was important to her.

And so Yadira wrote.

A first-in-the-family college graduate, in 32 years as the only Spanish-speaking reporter for *The Eagle-Tribune*, Yadira covered the small stories and the big ones—the 1984 riots, the accidental drowning of four boys in the Merrimack*, the kidnapping and killing of Sgt. Alex Jimenez in Iraq, the rise to stardom of dancer Belen Indhira Pereyra.

In her writer's focus on Lawrence and its people, Yadira has made local news educational, and helped countless readers see their own voices, truths, and lived experience reflected in the news—a gift that embodies the early vision of Eartha Dengler and enriches the archival record for generations to come.

* Yadira was one of the staff awarded the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for Journalism for this story.

Arrival and Social Hour

Cash bar, passed hors d'oeuvres, music by *The Wobblies*

Dinner

Welcome

Susan Grabski, *Executive Director, Lawrence History Center*

Speakers

Francisco Ureña

Melissa Fili, *Managing Editor, MethuenLife Magazine*

Sara Morin Barth, *Family Friend / Secretary, LHC Board of Directors*

Video Tribute from Gabriel Martinez (*Yadira's Son*)

Mark Cutler, *President, LHC Board of Directors*

Award Presentation

Claudia Dengler, *Daughter of LHC Founder Eartha Dengler*


Amita Kiley, *Collections Manager, Lawrence History Center*

Acceptance Speech

Yadira Betances Muldoon

Closing Remarks





The **Lawrence History Center** was founded as the **Immigrant City Archives** in 1978 by German immigrant Eartha Dengler. Its mission is to *collect, preserve,, share, and animate the history and heritage of Lawrence and its people.*

Since 1998, LHC has held the **Eartha Dengler History Award Ceremony** to spotlight the efforts and accomplishments of outstanding leaders who work to improve life in Lawrence for those who live and work in the city.

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