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SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE PROFESSOR LAUREL CORONA WINS 2009 CHRISTOPHER AWARD

San Diego, CA (March 19, 2009)....San Diegans Laurel Corona and Michael Bart have won a 2009 Christopher Award for *Until Our Last Breath: A Holocaust Story of Love and Partisan Resistance* (St. Martin's Press 2008). Since 1949, the Christopher Awards have been given for books, films, and television productions that "affirm the highest values of the human spirit."

The award honors Corona for her writing ability to "craft words and images into a clear, cohesive vision." Bart is being honored for his years of research into his parents' involvement with the Jewish resistance movement in Nazi-occupied Lithuania.

Corona is a professor of humanities at San Diego City College. She began her career as a published author in 1999 with a book on Kenya for Lucent Books. After writing 17 young adult titles for Lucent, she turned her attention to books for adults. Her most recent work is *The Four Seasons: A Novel of Vivaldi's Venice* (Hyperion/VOICE 2008).

Corona will travel to New York to receive her 2009 Christopher medallion on April 16 as part of the Diamond Gala celebrating the sixtieth year of the awards. One Book/One San Diego author Sonia Nazario was a recent winner for *Enrique's Journey*.

Corona's next book reading and book signing for *The Four Seasons* will be on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm in D-121A/B at San Diego City College at *1313 Park Blvd*. For more on the City College Spring Literary series: www.sdcitybookfair.com/2009springlit.pdf. For more on Laurel Corona: www.laurelcorona.com.

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