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University of St. Thomas Presents
Words Without Borders: The World Through the Eyes of Writers

WHAT: "Words without Borders: The World Through the Eyes of Writers," featuring the works of authors Zara Houshmand, Bapsi Sidhwa and Liu Hongbin. The event will be narrated by Samantha Schnee, founding editor of Words without Borders Online Literary Magazine.

WHEN: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007

WHERE: University of St. Thomas
Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon
Reception to follow readings in Doherty Library, 1100 West Main

BACKGROUND: Houshmand, Sidhwa and Hongbin will read from "a collection of tales from the whole wild world, perhaps the very next best thing to being there." (Miami Sun Post) The reading will be followed by a discussion about the book and a reception in Doherty Library.

Zara Houshmand-Houshmand is an Iranian-American writer living in Austin, Texas. She has translated several contemporary Iranian plays as well as modern and classical Persian poetry; her most recent work, A Mirror Garden, a memoir co-authored with Iranian artist Monir Farmanfarmaian, was published by Knopf in June.

Bapsi Sidhwa-Distinguished novelist and playwright, Sidhwa, lives in Houston. Her novels "An "American Brat," "Cracking India," "The Bride," "The Crow Eaters" and "Water" have been published in several languages. Most recently she received the Italian Premio Mondello for her novel "Water."

Liu Hongbin-Four of Hongbin's poems were posted around Tiananmen Square in 1989 during the events leading up to that massacre; he fled China the same year. He is the author of three collections of poems "Dove of the East," "An Iron Circle" and "A Day Within Days."

COST: Free and open to the public.

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