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MARIA HINOJOSA OF THE FUTURO MEDIA GROUP TO PRESENT THIS YEAR'S WARE LECTURE ON
SATURDAY, JUNE 23RD AT THE PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER

New York, NY (June 20, 2012) The Futuro Media Group announced today that its President & CEO Maria Hinojosa has been selected by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) to present the 2012 Ware Lecture during the UUA's Justice General Assembly in Phoenix, Ariz. Hinojosa will speak on Saturday, June 23rd at 5:15 PM in the General Assembly Plenary Hall at the Phoenix Convention Center. The Futuro Media Group is a Harlem based independent non-profit media organization dedicated to producing multimedia journalism that explores and gives voice to the diversity of the American experience and is dedicated to telling untold stories. Previous Ware lecturers have included Kurt Vonnegut, poet Mary Oliver, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Ware Lecture is an annual presentation via the UUA, denominational headquarters for Unitarian Universalism, a liberal religion tradition with Judeo-Christian roots. Unitarian Universalism affirms the inherent worth and dignity of all people and advocates freedom of belief and the search for advancing truth. The Ware Lecture began in 1920 when Harriet Ware bequeathed \$5,000 to the American Unitarian Association. Hinojosa's speech entitled "Stories from the Frontlines of the New America: Detention, Deportation and the Power of Democratic Resistance" will focus on the detention and deportation of immigrants, both documented and those with green cards.

Hinojosa was chosen for this prestigious lecture because of her award-winning work as the 20 year host of NPR's Latino USA, the nation's longest running public affairs radio show in English addressing Latino issues. She has worked tirelessly to document stories of the undocumented, while stepping up to and even over borders to explore the diverse challenges faced by Americans of all backgrounds. Hinojosa has an esteemed career as an investigative broadcast journalist and author. She is the recipient of two Emmy awards, the Robert F. Kennedy award in journalism, an Edward R. Murrow award and most recently the Studs Terkel Community Media Award.

At the present time, Hinojosa is working on a groundbreaking pilot called "America By the Numbers – Clarkston, Georgia," one of the most diverse communities in America with residents from over 40 countries speaking over 60 different languages. With animation and a cinematic lens "ABTN: Clarkston Georgia" explores the lessons that can be learned by a divided nation from our newest Americans about democracy This is the first major television venture for her new Harlem based non profit media company and will air on PBS nationwide on September 21

2012 as an Election 2012 Special Presentation. The program puts a human face on the demographic changes in the U.S. which will have a profound impact the 2012 elections.

When Dr. King, Jr. was a Ware lecturer in 1966, in the heat of the Civil Rights Movement, America was at the precipice of redefining what it meant to be able to live the American Dream. As Hinojosa takes the podium this summer, what will the American Dream mean for Latinos, another so-called minority quickly rising into the political and social mainstream? And what will these demographic changes mean for everyone in this country?

Hinojosa ended 2011 with a Frontline documentary on Immigration policy and detention centers and began 2012 at a Nobel Women's Initiative delegation in Latin America addressing violence against women and impunity. She is no stranger to pushing the boundaries of race, gender, and even international borders. Hinojosa is changing and challenging the definition of mainstream media. Her work continues to focus on the issue: what will it mean to be an American in a quickly shifting demographic climate?