



## **YVETTE MODESTIN**

Yvette Modestin, a writer, poet and activist was born and raised in Colon, Panama. Ms. Modestin is the Diaspora Coordinator of the Red de Mujeres Afrolatinoamericanas, Afrocaribeñas y de la Diaspora a national and international network of Afro descendent women. She is Founder/Executive Director of Encuentro Diaspora Afro in Boston, MA. She is a member of the IBW Board- Institute of the Black World.

Ms. Modestin is a member of the National African American Reparations Commission. She is one of the contributors to the newly released book, *The Trayvon Martin in US: An American Tragedy*. Ms. Modestin has been profiled by the Boston Globe as "The Uniter" for her work in bringing the Latin American and African American community together and for her activism in building a voice for the Afro Latino Community. Ms. Modestin was named in the list of "30 Afro Latinas You should Know."

In 2013 she received the 'Lider Afrodescendiente' Award from Fundacion Bayano in Panama. In 2014 she was recognized by the US Panamanian Association Inc. as a Panamanian Leader in the US. She is one of the editors and writers to the book, "Women Warriors of the Afro Latina Diaspora". The book was named in the top five latino books in the country for 2013. She is one of the featured poets in the book, "Rapsodia Antillana." This book is the first of its kind to highlight Afro Antillean poets of Panama. She is featured poet in the, "Antologia de Poesia Colonense," which is an Anthology of poets from her hometown of Colon from 1900-2012.

Ms. Modestin writes a blog about the events and experiences in the community called Reflections. As an artist, a licensed mental health clinician, wellness facilitator and Ifa practitioner, Ms. Modestin speaks to the acknowledgement of the historical pain of people of African descent and the awareness of the connection that would lead to the healing of our communities.