New Pathways to Justice
An International Conference to Stop Violence Against Women in Central America

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011
LEHMANN COLLEGE

Conference
9:30 am – 5:45 pm
East Dining Room, Music Building

Reception
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Leonard Lief Library

Presented by the Center for Human Rights and Peace Studies

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Conference Program
Thursday, April 7, 2011

9:00 – 9:30 — Coffee

9:30 – 10:00
Welcome
Dr. Victoria Sanford, Center for Human Rights and Peace Studies
**translator: Bertha Hurtado**

10:00 – 11:00
Opening Lecture
Jorge Velásquez Durán, Victim Advocate
**translator: Carmen Monico**

11:00 – 12:30
Panel One: Violence Against Women & Impunity in Central America
América Romualdo, Las Dignas, El Salvador
Iduvina Hernández, SEDEM – Security in Democracy, Guatemala
Dr. María Marvis Jirón, IXCHEN, Nicaragua
Dr. María Virginia Díaz Méndez, Centro de Estudios de la Mujer, Honduras
Commentator: Lisa Davis, MADRE
Chair: Amanda Klasing, Human Rights Watch
**translator: Natasha Bannan**

12:30 – 1:30 — Lunch

1:30 – 3:00
Panel Two: Crime Scene Investigation:
The Experience of US Crime Scene Investigators Working on a High-impact Feminicide Case in Guatemala
Dr. Heather Walsh-Haney, Florida Gulf Coast University
Dr. Kenneth Cohrn, Forensic Odontologist
Dr. Reinhard Motte, Medical Examiner
Greg Smith, Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement Cold Case Detective
Dr. Alejandro Rodríguez, Secretary for Criminal Policy, Public Prosecutor’s Office, Guatemala
Chair: Shannon Drysdale Walsh
**translator: Bertha Hurtado**

3:00 – 3:15 — Coffee Break

3:15 – 4:45
Panel Three: From the Frontlines: Building Rule of Law One Case at a Time by Promoting Women’s Rights
Norma Cruz, Fundación Sobrevivientes, Guatemala
Rose Mary Madden, Inter-American Institute for Human Rights (IIDH), Costa Rica
Karina Sosa de Lara, Congressional Deputy, El Salvador
Mercedes Ampié Pérez, Office on Women and Children, National Police, Nicaragua
Commentator: Kate Doyle, National Security Archive
Chair: Daniel Rothenberg, CLGA, ASU
translator: Ximena García Bustamante

4:45 – 5:45
Closing Keynote
Building Rule of Law in Central America
Dr. José Manuel Arroyo Gutiérrez, Supreme Court Judge & Head Magistrate, Criminal Court, Supreme Court, Costa Rica
translator: Carmen Monico

Evening Reception
Thursday, April 7, 2011, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

6:15 – 6:30
Welcome
Lehman College President Ricardo Fernández

6:30 – 7:00
Poetry Reading
Carolina Escobar Sarti
translator: Dr. Nela Navarro

On view during the reception:
“Refugees Even After Death: A Quest for Truth, Justice, and Reconciliation”
A Photography Exhibit by Jonathan “Jonás” Moller

Image from “Refugees Even After Death” by Jonathan “Jonás” Moller
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Thursday, April 7 ~ Free and Open to the Public

The Center for Human Rights and Peace Studies welcomes you to an international conference featuring Central American and US human rights experts collectively strategizing to develop regional mechanisms for preventing violence against women, strengthening the rule of law, and making justice accessible to victims. This is a unique opportunity to learn from the insights of Central American civil society leaders, prosecutors, forensic investigators, police commissioners, judges, and rights advocates.


Central American Participants
Iduvina Hernández, SEDEM – Security in Democracy, Guatemala; Dr. Alejandro Rodriguez, Secretary of Criminal Policy, Public Prosecutor’s Office, Guatemala; Norma Cruz, Fundación Sobrevivientes, Guatemala; Dr. José Manuel Arroyo Gutiérrez, Supreme Court Justice, Costa Rica; Rose Mary Madden, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, Costa Rica; América Romualdo, Women’s Association for Dignity and Life, El Salvador; Dr. Maria Marvis Jirón, IXCHEN, Nicaragua; Mercedes Ampí Pérez, Commissioner, Office on Women and Children, National Police, Nicaragua; Jorge Velásquez Durán, Victim Advocate/Father of Feminicide Victim Claudina Isabel Velásquez Paiz, Guatemala; Dr. María Virginia Díaz Méndez, Centro de Estudios de la Mujer, Honduras; Carolina Escobar Sarti, Poet and Columnist, Guatemala; Congressional Deputy Karina Sosa de Lara, El Salvador.

US Participants
Kate Doyle, National Security Archive; Dr. Heather Walsh-Haney, Florida Gulf Coast University; Dr. Kenneth Cohn, Forensic Odontologist; Daniel Rothenberg, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law Center for Law and Global Affairs, Arizona State University; Dr. Reinhard Motte, Medical Examiner; Greg Smith, Cold Case Detective; Lisa Davis, MADRE; Amanda Klasing, Human Rights Watch; Natasha Bannan, CUNY Law School; Dr. Victoria Sanford, Lehman College; Dr. Irina Carlota Silber, City College of New York; Shannon Drysdale Walsh, University of Notre Dame; among others.

Co-sponsors: The Asociación Colectivo de Investigaciones Sociales y Laborales, the Center for Law and Global Affairs at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, the program in Criminal Forensic Studies at the College of Professional Studies at Florida Gulf Coast University; MADRE, the CUNY School of Law International Women’s Rights Clinic, Rutgers University’s Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights, and the City College of New York’s MA Program in Latin American Studies.

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