

Truth and Justice in Guatemala: The Case of the Military Diary

April 8, 2014
4:30-6:30pm
Research A 163
Fairfax Campus
Light refreshments will be served

Photos of disappeared persons in Guatemala City

Latin American Studies at George Mason University and the Human Rights and Global Justice Working Group are pleased to sponsor Malrina Gudiel's visit to Mason. Coordinator of the Network of Guatemalan Women Human Rights Defenders, Malrina has brought two cases against the Guatemalan state before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights for the murders of her brother and father. Her brother was disappeared in 1983 by state forces and is included in the infamous Military Diary, an official registry of 183 people who were disappeared by government security forces between 1983 and 1985 that was later leaked to investigators. On February 5, 2014, Malrina testified before the court about the murder of her father in 2004. Her father was killed just days after the family had brought her brother's case to the Inter-American Commission, and the government has refused to carry out an adequate investigation of the crime. Malrina will explain why her family has fought for justice for these crimes, despite ongoing death threats against them. She will also discuss international solidarity with Guatemala over the last 30 years, including the sanctuary movement of the 1980s and the decades-long struggle to end US military support for repressive regimes in Guatemala.

This event is free and open to the public. For further information about this event please contact Latin American Studies Director Jo-Marie Burt at jmburt@gmu.edu