Human Rights Know No Borders
Los Derechos Humanos No Reconocen Fronteras

Saturday, October 7, 2017
9am-3pm

Modern Languages Building, Rm 350
University of Arizona
1423 E University Blvd. | Tucson, AZ
Thank you to our
Community and University Sponsors

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences
School of Sociology

The University of Arizona
College of Social & Behavioral Sciences

The University of Arizona
Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences
Latin American Studies

The University of Arizona
College of Social & Behavioral Sciences
Mexican American Studies

Adalberto & Ana Guerrero Student Center

Jamut Boo, A.C.
Keep Tucson Together
Little Chapel of All Nations
Online Human Rights Practice Graduate Programs
Tonatierra
The University of Arizona Southwest Center
WELCOME

Human Rights organizations in our communities in Phoenix and Tucson, collaborating with community organizations in Guerrero, Mexico, D.F., Washington, D.C. and Sonora bring international treaties, federal, state and local policies to life in order to pursue justice for those peoples whose human rights are violated. First, laws must be established that recognize Human Rights, then these laws must be enforced. This is the difficult part. When someone’s human rights are violated the corresponding government must investigate and proceed according to the results. However the road to justice develops many obstacles. This is the time when all must mobilize demanding proper and impartial investigations following them to whomever they lead. Laws recognizing Human Rights must be enforced in order for justice to prevail.

Today the Binational Migration Institute, in collaboration with various community groups, brings to the fore several cases where grass-roots community groups organize to demand accountability of government actions. As community organizers they build networks calling upon people of conscience, people with expertise, people with resources, people who can stand with them in the search for life and justice. It is difficult and dangerous to challenge state violence. Resistance calls for courage, for solidarity, for truth to be told. So today we bring people who are in the struggle for justice so we can hear their stories.

The EMPTY CHAIRS PROJECT based on an idea by Chris Tanz, interprets the hopes and dreams of the still-missing 43 undergraduates of Ayotzinapa Rural Teacher’s College in Igualá, Guerrero, Mexico. Community members and local groups created dozens of chairs that honor the lives and aspirations of the 43 innocent young men. Each chair was decorated and personalized with biographical information about each student. The Empty Chairs Project is an art-based campaign that support the world premiere of the play, Digna by Patricia Davis in February 2017 and sponsored by a grant from Digna Theater Incorporated.
Welcome to the Binational Migration Institute’s Symposium

Human Rights Know No Borders
Los Derechos Humanos No Reconocen Fronteras

Moderators: Michelle Tellez Ana Isabel Cornide
9:00 – 9:15 Welcome——Anna O’Leary, Head of Department of
Mexican American Studies
9:15 – 9:30 Isabel Garcia-Co-Founder, “A Short Summary of
Binational and International Human Rights Work of Coalicion de
Derechos Humanos”
9:30 – 9:45 Raquel Rubio-Goldsmith, “Communities, Human Rights,
and Immigration”
9:45 – 10:30 Carlos Beristain, “How the International Human Rights
Community investigated the Disappearance of 43 Students from
the Escuela Normal Raul Isidro Burgos in Ayotzinaga, Guerrero.(English)
10:30 – 11:15 Anabel Hernandez “How I as a Journalist Investigate and
Report on the Disappearance of 43 students of the Escuela
Normal Raul Isidro Burgos in Ayotzinaga, Guerrero.
11:15 – 12:00 Margo Cowan, “How the Government Actions
regarding the Disappearance of 43 Students of Ayotzinaga brought an
asylum case to Arizona and the role Human Rights have in Asylum
cases today(ENGLISH)

Noon to Lunch for participants and attendees

1-2 Panel The Search for Our Sons (Tontierra)(SPANISH)
Moderator: Tupac Enrique
Panelists: Evie Reyes Aguirre. Mario Cesar Gonzalez Contreras,
Parent,.Vidalio Rosales Sierra, Attorney for Centro de Derechos
Humanos de la Montana TLACHINOLLAN

2-3 Panel Yoemi Women organizing to demand Water Rights for their
Pueblo. (Jumut Boo)
Moderator: Aracely Rivera Cohen
Panelists: Casilda Flores Alvarez, Francisca Vazquez Molina, Laura
Manuela Hernandez Urzua

*Some presentations will be in English, others in Spanish. Translation
services are available. Please sign up for translation.
The Binational Migration Institute (BMI), located in a border region with a millennia history of human migrations, was established within the Department of Mexican American Studies. BMI scholars use multidisciplinary methods to conduct research on immigration that:

- **Responds** to community needs for information and research on immigration.
- **Develops** projects that focus on research needs as presented by residents especially regarding the short and long term impacts of immigration policy and its enforcement.
- **Promotes** collaborative research with scholars from universities and activists in human rights non-governmental organizations in Mexico and the United States.
- **Places** the training of students at the center of research projects.

BMI’s mission is to generate binational collaborations that produce and disseminate scientific data on how the implementation and enforcement of immigration policies impact the health, education, economic progress, and constitutional, civil, and human rights of communities, regardless of citizenship or national origin.

The Department of Mexican American Studies is committed to contemporary applied public policy research on Mexican Americans. As the leading public policy research center addressing issues of concern to this minority group in Arizona, the Department works collaboratively with key community agencies in promoting leadership and empowerment of Mexican Americans within the state and the nation.
Panelist Information

Isabel Garcia – Coalición de Derechos Humanos, Co-Chair

Raquel Rubio Goldsmith – Binational Migration Institute, Co-Director

Anabel Hernandez – Award-Winning Investigative Journalist from Mexico City, D.F.

Dr. Carlos Beristain – Expert of the investigative team appointed by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Margo Cowan – Immigrant Rights Advocate, Immigration Attorney, Keep Tucson Together

Tupac Enrique, Tonatierra
Evie Reyes-Aguirre, Tonatierra
Mario Cesar Gonzalez Contreras, Parent
Vidulfo Rosales Sierra, Attorney for Centro de Derechos Humanos de la Montaña TLACHINOLLAN

Yaqui Women of Jamut Boo, A.C.
Casilda Flores Alvarez
Francisca Vazquez Molina
Laura Manuela Hernandez Urzua