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Program includes presentations in English and Spanish. Simultaneous translation available.

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#GuatemalaConference16

PROGRAM

Sunday, 09.11.2016

Special preview film screening

USC Ray Stark Theatre
(in coop. with USC Cinema School series
"Outside the Box [Office]")

5:00 pm Documentary film "Finding Oscar" (2016), Director Ryan Suffern, Los Angeles, followed by a Q&A

Soffa Duyos, *Law, Madrid, Spain*
Military Documents and Their
Significance in Understanding the
Genocide of the Ixil Mayans

Sergio Palencia Frener, *Anthropology/
Sociology, Benemérita U Autónoma de Puebla*
Counterinsurgency in Chimaltenango,
1978-1983: Comalapa, San Martín
Jilotepeque and Poaquil

Manolo e. Vela Castañeda, *Sociology, U
Iberoamericana, Ciudad de México*
Butchers: Racism, Specialization,
Group Pressure, and Incentives.
Lessons from the Guatemalan Genocide

Monday, 09.12.2016

USC, Doheny Library, room 240

Session 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Welcome remarks:

Stephen Smith, *USC Shoah Foundation*,
Victoria Sanford, *Lehman College, CUNY*,
Wolf Gruner, *USC Shoah Foundation
Center for Advanced Genocide Research*

Presentation: Fredy Peccerelli,
*Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology
Foundation (FAFG)*
New Testimonies and the Genocide

Session 10:00 am - 12 pm

Studying Perpetrators

Chair: **Carol Wise**, *Intl. Relations, USC*

Lunchbreak: 12 pm - 1:30 pm

Session 1:30 pm - 2:50 pm

Repression and Resistance

Chair: **Bonnie Taub**, *Latin American Studies, UCLA*

Betsy Konefal, *Latin American Studies,
College of William & Mary*
Mayan Repression, Resistance, and the
Road to Genocide

Sandra Gruner-Domic, *Social
Anthropology, USC Shoah Foundation*
Social and Personal Motivations for
Women's Participation in Acts of
Resistance Before, During, and After
the Genocide in Guatemala

Coffee Break

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Monday, 09.12.2016 (continued)

Session 3:20 pm - 4:30 pm

Racist Discourse and Genocide

Chair: **Norma Chinchilla**, *Sociology, CSULB*

Brigitte M. French, *Anthropology,
Grinnell College*
Rios Montt's Public Discourse and
the Cultural Logic of the Guatemalan
Genocide

Jorge Ramon Gonzalez-Ponciano,
Anthropology, UNAM/Stanford U
Racism and the "Indian Problem" in the
Guatemalan Press Before and After the
Genocide

Evening event 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

USC, Doheny Library, room 240

Keynote: Rosalina Tuyuc, *CONAVIGUA
(National Association of Guatemalan
Widows), Guatemala*

Roundtable:
**Survivors and Refugees of the
Guatemalan Genocide**

Rosalina Tuyuc, Dr. Marvyn Perez
Moderator: **Victoria Sanford**

Tuesday, 09.13.2016

USC, Doheny Library, room 240

Session 9:30 am - 10:50 am

Transnational Impacts of Genocide

Chair: **Susan Fitzpatrick-Behrens**,
Latin American Studies, CSUN

Catherine Nolan-Ferrell, *History, UT-San Antonio*
The Guatemalan Refugee Crisis in
Southern Chiapas, 1980-1984

Silvia Posocco, *Anthropology, U of London, UK*
Traces, Remnants, Genocide: Transnational
Adoption in Guatemala in the 1980s

Coffee Break

Session 11:10 am - 12:30 pm

**International Solidarity and Demanding
Justice**

Chair: **Patrick James**, *Intl. Relations, USC*

Morna Macleod, *Latin American Studies,
Autonomous U of Morelos, Mexico*
International Solidarity and Genocide
in Guatemala in the Eighties

Susanne Jonas, *Latin American & Latino Studies, UCSC*
A Key Social Actor Against State War Crimes:
Guatemalan Refugees and Migrants in the U.S.

Lunch Break: 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Session 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Post-Genocide Justice

Chair: **Hannah Garry**, *Law/Intl. Human Rights, USC*

Roddy Brett, *Intl. Relations, U of St. Andrews, UK*
The Ríos Montt Trial as a Consequence
of the Resistance of Indigenous
Survivors

Marta Elena Casaus, *History, U Autónoma de Madrid*
The Rape of Ixil, Kekchí and Achí Mayan
Women: A Comparative Case of Racism,
Genocide and Femicide

Jo-Marie Burt, *Poli Sci, George Mason U*
The Guatemalan Genocide Case in
Comparative Perspective

For further information and to register:

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***RSVP is required**

Contact us with questions:
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Coffee Break

Session 4:15 pm - 6:15 pm

Personal Reflections on Resistance

Chair: **Douglas Carranza**, *Central American Studies,
CSUN*

Ricardo Falla, *Anthropology, Santa María
Chiquimula, Guatemala*

Perspectives on Genocide and
Resistance: A Personal Experience

Ana María Méndez Dardon, *Law, Canada*
Personal Story: Growing Up in Resistance

Miguel Zamora-Mills, *Intl. Relations,
Guatemala*

Resisting Impunity, Preserving Truth:
Victim Participation, the Querrellante
Adhesivo, and the Ríos Montt Trial

Evening event 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

USC, Bovard Auditorium

**"Somos Guerreras: Feminism, Hip Hop,
and Guatemala"**

A Concert & Conversation with Rebeca
Lane (Co-sponsored by USC Visions &
Voices and El Centro Chicano)

Wednesday, 09.14.2016

Villa Aurora, Pacific Palisades

Session 9:30 am - 10:50 am

Genocide Denial in Guatemala

Chair: **Beatriz Cortez**, *Central American Studies, CSUN*

Rebecca Clouser, *Intl. and Area Studies,
Washington U, St. Louis*

Elite Erasures and Lethal Legacies:
Examining Genocide Denial in Guatemala

Debra Rodman, *Anthropology/Women Studies,
Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, VA*

Greasing Guatemala's Military Machine:
Genocide Denial in Eastern Guatemala

Session 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Memory Politics and Cultural Resistance

Chair: **Marjorie Becker**, *History and
English, USC*

Heather A. Vrana, *History, Southern
Connecticut State U, New Haven*
H.I.J.O.S.: A New Politics of Memory
Beyond Reconciliation

Emilio del Valle Escalante, *Romance
Languages, U of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*
Maya Responses to Genocide in Guatemala:
The Poetics of Survival in Sabino Esteban
Francisco's "Gemido de huellas"

Betsabe A. Martínez Manzanero, *Social
Anthropology, El Colegio de Michoacán, Mexico*
Memory and Cultural Resistance Among
Guatemalan Mayans in Southern Mexico

Concluding remarks:

Victoria Sanford, *Lehman College, CUNY*

Wolf Gruner, *USC Shoah Foundation
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