

Salvadoran Migrant Families Torn at Home, Torn at the Border



Weds. Oct. 10, 2018

11AM-12:30PM

White Hall 127

On Tour From El Salvador, speakers Bernardo Belloso and Zulma Tobar will share their work and life experiences in migrant sending communities in El Salvador. They will also discuss challenges faced by Salvadoran Families under the U.S. “zero-tolerance” policy on migrants at the border.

Free & Open to the Public; Classes Welcome

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Bernardo Belloso is the president of the Association for Rural Development of El Salvador (CRIPDES) and he last spoke at WCSU in 2008. He leads an effort to organize more than 300 rural communities in 5 states of El Salvador. Active in Salvadoran social movements since 1995, his work focuses on youth leadership in rural communities, and on environmental justice. He is part of the National Round Table against Metallic Mining in El Salvador, is involved in the anti-mining struggle, and partakes in the National Network Against Water Privatization.



Zulma Tobar is a co-coordinator of US-El Salvador Sister Cities (USESSC) who last spoke at WCSU in 2016. She works on the issues of education, environmental justice, advocacy and community organizing with rural communities of El Salvador through both USESSC and CRIPDES. Her work is led by the principle that community organizing is the base of all social change. She comes from an organized rural community, Cinquera, one of the most tumultuous areas during El Salvador’s Civil War. Zulma was a university scholarship recipient supported by the sister committee of Chicago, IL through USESSC.