International Symposium:
Ongoing Dialogues on Human Rights: Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula

September 29 - October 1, 2011

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29

9.00 - 9.30 am Opening remarks
Louis Mendoza, Associate Vice Provost for Equity and Diversity, University of Minnesota

Ana Forcinito and Jaime Hanneken, Conference Co-organizers, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies

Session I 9.30 am - 11.30 am
"Ethics and Law in the Inter-American Human Rights System"
Raul Marrero Fente, Associate Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies, University of Minnesota

"The Interactive Global Struggle Against Impunity for Salvadorean Human Rights Violators"
Duane Krohnke, Adjunct Professor, Law School, University of Minnesota

"Forms and Practices of Human Rights Advocacy"
Barbara Frey, Program Director, Human Rights Program, University of Minnesota

Moderator: Marisa Kalbermaten, Gustavus Adolphus College

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McNamara Alumni Center
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Session II 11.30 am - 1.30 pm
"Women’s Rights as Human Rights. Vulnerabilities in Portugal and in Europe. The Gap Between the Law and Life"
Regina Marques, Professor of Communication Science, Polytechnic Institute of Setúbal

"Madness and Disappearance: El infarto del alma by Diamel Eltit and Paz Errázuriz"
Alexis Howe, Assistant Professor, Department of Modern Foreign Languages, Dominican University

"Memory Without Metaphor: Cognition and the Art of Human Rights in Mexico"
Patrick J. McNamara, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Minnesota

Moderator: Joanna O’Connell, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies

1.30 - 3.00 pm LUNCH BREAK

Session III 3.00 - 4.30 pm
Ileana Rodríguez, Humanities Distinguished Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Ohio State University

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Special Thanks to Mark Knierim, Department of Art, University of Minnesota
"Estética y derechos humanos bajo la dictadura en Bolivia: el monumentalismo de Fernando Díez de Medina"
Javier Sanjinés, Professor, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, University of Michigan

Moderator: Nancy Hanway, Gustavus Adolphus College

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30

Session I 9.00-11.00 am
"Memory Sites: From Auratic Spaces to Cyberspace in Peruvian Embattled Memories"
Margarita Saona, Associate Professor, Department of Spanish, French, Italian and Portuguese, University of Illinois at Chicago

"Ciudad y memoria: reclamos de justicia a través de las marcas testimoniales de La Plata (Argentina)"
Guillermina Walas, Independent Scholar, National Council of Independent Scholars

"Of Mass Graves and Exhumations: the Spectral Images of Francesc Torres"
Ofelia Ferrán, Associate Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies, University of Minnesota

Moderator: Francisco Ocampo, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies

Session II 11.00 am-1.00 pm
"Memory, Postmemory, Prosthetic Memory: Reflections on the Holocaust and Argentina's Dirty War"
Amy Kaminsky, Professor, Department of Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies, University of Minnesota

"Helen Zout's Desapariciones: Shooting Death"
David William Foster, Regents' Professor of Spanish and Women and Gender Studies, Arizona State University

"Facing Memories: Portraits with Testimonies"
Félix de la Concha, Artist

Moderator: Bill Viestenz, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies

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Session III 3.00-4.30 pm
READING from Desert Blood: The Juárez Murders
Alicia Gaspar de Alba, Writer, Professor of Chicana and Chicano Studies, English, and Women’s Studies, UCLA

"La Llorona Desperately Seeking Coyolxauhqui”
Alma López, Artist, Activist, Visual storyteller

Moderator: Eden Torres, Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies and Department of Chicano Studies

4.40 pm Screening: Nostalgia for the Light/Nostalgia de la luz (dir. Patricio Guzmán, 2010)

Introduction: Satty Flaherty-Echevarría, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies

6.20-7.30 pm PLENARY TALK:
“The Ghostly Arts”
Jean Franco, Emeritus Professor, Columbia University

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1

Session I 9.00-11.00 am
"Lidia Jorge's A Última Dona: Witnessing the New (?) 'Banality of Evil' in Post-Dictatorship Portugal"
Ana Paula Ferreira, Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies, University of Minnesota

"The Banality of Torture? Earning Democratic Credentials Under (and after) Franco"
Luis Martín Estudillo, Associate Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Iowa

"The Struggle Against Silence and Forgetting in Brazil"
Leigh Payne, Professor of Sociology and Latin American Studies, University of Oxford, Visiting Professor, Department of Political Sciences, University of Minnesota

Moderator: Joseph Towle, Augsburg College

Session II 11.00 am-12.30 pm
READING from Insensatez and Tirana memoria
Horacio Castellanos Moya, Writer, Journalist, Assistant Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Iowa.

READING from Pasos bajo el agua, 259 saltos, uno inmortal, Mano en vuelo, y "Bosquejo de alturas"
Alicia Kozameh, Writer, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Chapman University

Moderator: Isabel de Sousa Ramos, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies

Session III 12.30-1.30 pm
"Verdad universal: notas jurídicas para una hermenéutica cultural basada en los derechos humanos”
Hernán Vidal, Emeritus Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies, University of Minnesota

Moderator: John Trevathan, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies

1.30 pm Closing remarks: Ana Paula Ferreira, Professor and Chair, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies