

The Wolfe Institute

*The Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities,
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presents a seminar*

The Voices of Victims in Societies with Deeply Disenfranchised Sectors

The Cases of Guatemala and Peru



May 29, 2008: Members of a Peruvian forensic team look at a mass grave in Putis, in the southern Peruvian state of Ayacucho. According to the Peruvian Truth and Reconciliation Commission report from August 2003, there would be 123 people buried in Putis, supposedly members of the Sendero Luminoso guerrilla army who were killed by the Peruvian Army in 1984.

Eduardo Gonzales is a Peruvian expert on transitional justice, with extensive experience in human rights advocacy and technical assistance in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Prior to joining the ICTJ (International Center for Transitional Justice), Gonzales was a core staff member of the Peruvian Truth and Reconciliation Commission, where he was responsible for public hearings, victims, and witness-protection. Previously, he led advocacy efforts for the worldwide NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court, a civil society campaign to put into force the Rome Statute of the ICC.

Marcie Mersky currently works at the United Nations on behalf of the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala. Prior to that she was Chief of the Transition Unit at MINUGUA (United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala). Merskey has also worked with the UN Office for Project Services in a range of peace-building activities and with the Historical Clarification Commission, Guatemala's Truth Commission, as well as with a number of non-governmental organizations involved in human rights and peace issues.

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6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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