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Violence Against Women in Guatemala: Global Connections & Action in the US



*Featuring: Norma Cruz,
Survivors Foundation and
Winner of a 2009 Woman of Courage
Award from the US State Department*

March 1, 2010

1pm-4pm

Cape Florida Ballroom D,
Student Union, University of Central Florida

Schedule of Speakers

- 12:30 PM** **Registration Begins**
- 1:00 PM** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Michael Frumkin, Ph.D., Dean and Professor
College of Health and Public Affairs
John Ronnau, Ph.D., A.C.S.W. Director of the
School of Social Work
- 1:10 PM** **Workshop Overview**
Denise Gammonley, Ph. D., Associate Professor,
UCF School of Social Work.
- Femicide, Violence Against Women in Guatemala
and the For Women's Right To Live Campaign.**
Amanda Martin, M.S.W., Executive Director,
Guatemala Human Rights Foundation/USA,
Washington, DC
- 1:40 PM** **Human Rights Defender Testimony**
Norma Cruz, Fundación Sobrevivientes,
Guatemala City
Interpretation by Amanda Martin, Guatemala
Human Rights Commission/USA
- 2:50 PM** **Questions and Answers**
- 3:00-3:10 PM** **Break**
- 3:10 PM** **Violence and Intercountry Adoption:
US Social Worker's Perspective**
Karen S. Rotabi, Ph.D., L.M.S.W.,
M.P.H. School of Social Work,
Virginia Commonwealth University
- 3:30 PM** **Panel Response: Impacts of Global Violence
Against Women and Action Steps for Florida
Advocates**
Breanne Tucker, Panel Moderator, NASW FL
Chapter Undergraduate Student Representative
Christine Mouton, Coordinator Advocate, UCF
Victims Services
Giselle Rodriguez, Florida Coalition Against
Human Trafficking
Jeanne Gold, Executive Director, Safehouse of
Seminole
Erin Ward BSW Student Assoc: The
International Violence Against Women Act
- 4:00 PM** **Thank You and Closing Remarks:**
MSW and BSW Social Work Student Associations
Deborah Alfonso, Brandi Fliegelman
- 4:15-5:45 PM** **Please join us for a reception honoring our
presenters, panel, and sponsors.**
Location—Room 247, Health and Public Affairs II.



Norma Cruz first devoted her human rights activism during the years of internal conflict within Guatemala to the liberation theology actions of the Catholic church. Helping Guatemala during the immediate post-conflict years she was instrumental in supporting communities displaced during the conflict. Her unparalleled courage in raising awareness about impunity, the need for judicial reform, and in directly defending victims of domestic and sexual violence, trafficking, and illegal adoptions led to her selection as a 2009 Woman of Courage by the US State Department and 2009 Woman of the Year by Guatemala's daily newspaper Prensa Libre. The organization she founded, Fundación Sobrevivientes (Survivor's Foundation), provides shelter, counseling, and seeks prosecution of perpetrators of violence, illegal adoption, and human trafficking.

About the Presenters:

Amanda Martin, MSW, MPH is Executive Director of the **Guatemala Human Rights Commission/USA**. Prior to working with GHRC Amanda spent 3 years working with Witness for Peace leading delegations focused on the impacts of Plan Colombia and US sponsored fumigations. Amanda also worked in Bolivia in 2000, researching US drug policy and working with micro enterprise projects in a women's prison. She began her Latin America work, however, in Guatemala in 1993, where she served as a Peace Corps Volunteer for 3 years in Suchitepequez. She earned two master's degrees from the University of South Carolina while also serving as the Director of a statewide peace and justice organization and a Spanish language interpreter.

Karen Smith Rotabi, PhD, LMSW, MPH is an Assistant Professor of Social Work at **Virginia Commonwealth University**. Rotabi recognizes how the complexities of post-conflict environments can be a real challenge for social workers, whether working here in the U.S. with military families and returning veterans or overseas in nations struggling to rebuild after war. Guided by a focus on ethical engagement and human rights her research agenda includes families impacted by war, including human rights abuses in Guatemala. A photo journal of her work with the Guatemala Human Rights Commission may be viewed at http://www.stopfemicide.com/human_rights_delegations__testimonies

About the panel:

Christine Mouton, is Coordinator Advocate for UCF Victims Services
Giselle Rodriguez, State Outreach Coordinator,
Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking
Jeanne Gold, Executive Director, Safe House of Seminole
Erin Ward, BSW Student Association
Breanne Tucker, NASW Florida