

The Interdisciplinary Group of Colombian Studies at UNM invites you to:

The Continued Threats to Colombian Peace Community

A talk by: Jesus Emilio Tuberquia

(in Spanish, English interpretation provided)

Wednesday 9/26, 11:30-1:00 pm at the LAI



Jesus Emilio Tuberquia is a founding member of the **Peace Community of San José de Apartadó**, located in northwest Colombia. In 1997, 500 small-scale farmers founded the “Peace Community” after mass displacements throughout San Jose de Apartadó. They founded their community on principles of International Humanitarian Law, including neutrality of the civilian population to the armed conflict, a fierce commitment to non-violence, and collective work.

Despite the Peace Agreement signed in 2016 between the Colombian government and the FARC, the Peace Community continues to be threatened by successor groups to paramilitaries. These threats include the assassination attempt of the current legal representative German Graciano Posso on December 29, 2017. Earlier this year, the peace work of the the Comunidad de Paz de San José de Apartadó were honored by Diakonia Colombia by giving German Graciano Posso the Annual Human Rights Defender Award.



Mr. Tuberquia returns to the UNM Campus during Homecoming Week after six years from his first visit. As part of his human rights tour to the U.S. Mr. Tuberquia is visiting U.S. universities to raise awareness of threats that paramilitary groups pose to the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó and the civilian population of Urabá and to urge the U.S. congress to ensure that the funds approved as part of the “Peace Colombia” U.S. Aid package are used to protect human rights defenders and social leaders and dismantle paramilitary groups threatening communities throughout the country.

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