

The US Embassy's Role in Human Rights in Guatemala: How Foreign Service
Officers Can Make a Difference

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Join the CNM and UNM Latin American Studies (LAS) programs for the second presentation in the Spring 2019 LAS Lecture Series as David Lindwall, retired Foreign Service Officer and current MA student in the UNM LAS program, shares a presentation on the role of the US Embassy in Guatemala.

Individual Foreign Service Officers have over the years had a significant role in shaping US policy towards human rights in Guatemala. This presentation will draw on examples from Guatemala's tortured human rights history to illustrate how those considering a career in the foreign service today can influence foreign policy in ways that strengthen human rights. It will also address how students can be competitive for jobs in the Foreign Service.

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