



Film Screening and Q&A: “Return to the Andes”

Director: Mitch Teplitsky

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Thursday, April 17, 2025 | 2:00 - 4:00 PM | Student Union Building Theater (UNM)

Join us for a film screening of *Return to the Andes* and a Q&A with the film director, Mitch Teplitsky.

After 20 years in New York City, Nelida Silva (title character of *Soy Andina*) returns again to her Andean birthplace with a dream to help rural women launch small businesses. Then the unexpected happens — she’s invited to run for mayor by a new political party. Fed up with the region’s decline and corruption, she accepts the challenge. Can she become the first woman to win, campaigning on a platform of sustainable development and anti-corruption against eight men who call her an outsider?

“Inspiring and insightful... a must-watch for anyone interested in politics, transnational migration, social justice, and women empowerment in the Andes and beyond.” - Serafin M. Coronel-Molina, Director, Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Indiana U



Mitch Teplitsky is a documentary filmmaker specializing in uplifting stories about people who bridge cultures and create community, from New York to Peru to Indiana. His films *Soy Andina* and *Return to the Andes* have been screened on PBS television and at hundreds of universities, film festivals, and other venues worldwide. Mitch was a Fulbright Specialist in Peru and later produced *New American Girls*, a web series about Dreamers for PBS online. He is currently working on a story about Spencer Pride, an LGBTQ+ Center in a rural Indiana town. Before producing documentaries, Mitch was the first marketing director for the Film Society of Lincoln Center.

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