

HISTORY WORKSHOP

The Department of History

Tuesdays ~ 12:30-1:30 pm ~ 203 Munroe Hall

The Grupo de Apoyo Mutuo Digital Archive: Public History and Guatemala's Disappeared

Alex Galarza

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Dr. Alex Galarza shares his work collaborating with a human rights group in Guatemala to digitize, preserve, and provide access to over 3,300 cases of “forced disappearance” during Guatemala’s armed internal conflict (1960-1996). Dr. Galarza will provide some brief historical context of Cold War Violence and U.S. intervention before describing the project’s successes and challenges. He will also talk about how his experience leading the project as a CLIR Postdoc has led him to reflect on the ethics and sustainability of digital projects that aim to reach a broad audiences. He will also speak about how he navigated graduate study, career trajectories, and training in digital methods. As a new hire within the Digital Scholarship and Publishing unit of the UD Library, Museums and Press he is eager to discuss how the team can collaborate with faculty and students to incorporate digital methods or tools in their research, teaching, and learning.