



The Carney Latin American Solidarity Archive invites you to join us for this event...



Wednesday, March 29, 2017
4 p.m. CHP 124

(that's College of Health Professions' new general events room)

We will have a live web hook-up to Sergio Pacheco in Mexico for a presentation of:

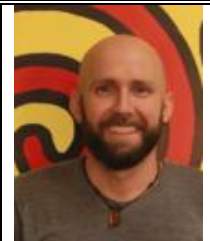
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THE STRUGGLE TO BUILD AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITY POWER WITH VIDA DIGNA WITH SERGIO PACHECO, ORGANIZER WITH THE TLANEZI CALLI HOUSING COOPERATIVE IN MEXICO CITY



Sergio Pacheco will speak about his more than 20 years of experience organizing for housing rights in working class communities in one of the biggest cities in the world. Emerging from the government's inadequate response to the 1985 Mexico City earthquake, Tlanezi Calli (House of the Dawn - in Nahuatl) was founded in 1995 to rebuild affordable housing and reconstruct the *tejido social* (social fabric) of Iztapalapa, Mexico City. With weekly assemblies, collective work projects, urban gardening plots, a health clinic, and after-school tutoring - just to mention a few - Sergio and his neighbors engage in powerful autonomous community building to achieve *Vida Digna* (Dignified Life) with full independence from any political parties. His talk will have important lessons for anyone interested in human rights, housing, and alternatives to capitalist community development.

TONY NELSON is the director for the AUSM-Mexico study abroad program. He has worked as a community organizer, teacher, and human rights activist around the issues of immigration, education, prisons and has criticized neo-liberalism and U.S.-sponsored torture. He received a BA from Grand Valley State University and an MA from Syracuse University in the areas of communication theory, rhetoric and philosophy. Tony and others supported Sergio Pacheco's request for a visa for this educational tour, which has been denied twice with little explanation. Tony will be with us to offer interpretation and to discuss MSN's study abroad programs.



This event is free and open to the public, and is sponsored by Carney Latin American Solidarity Archive (CLASA). University of Detroit Mercy McNichols campus is at 4001 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit MI 48221. For more information contact Dr. Gail Presbey at 313-993-1124, or by email at presbegm@udmercy.edu. Consult our website at: <http://liberalarts.udmercy.edu/clasa/events/> This event counts toward the Emerging Leaders Program [+ 1 Engagement & Learning Event].