

Robert H. Kirschner, M.D., Memorial Human Rights Lecture

Reconnecting in the Aftermath of El Salvador's Civil War: The Joys and Challenges of Finding Family



Professor Margaret E. Ward and Nelson Ward de Witt

Margaret Ward, Emerita Professor, Wellesley College, is the author of *Missing Mila, Finding Family: An International Adoption in the Shadow of the Salvadoran Civil War*, the story of her son's adoption from El Salvador and their later connection with his birth family through Asociación Pro-Búsqueda. Nelson Ward de Witt, Margaret's son, is now a filmmaker. He will present excerpts from *Identifying Nelson/Buscando a Roberto* in which he tells the same story from his perspective. Asociación Pro-Búsqueda was founded by the late Dr. Robert Kirschner and Salvadoran colleagues to reunite Salvadoran families with children adopted abroad during the war years. It was a 1997 call from Dr. Kirschner to the de Witt-Ward family that set in motion this remarkable reunion.



Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
International House Assembly Hall
1414 East 59th Street

This event is free and open to the public.

Registration is encouraged, but not required. Please register through the Alumni Weekend site as a "Friend of the University":
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This event is co-sponsored by the International House Global Voices Program and is a part of the International House 80th Anniversary Reunion Celebration. The program will include the recognition of the winners of the 2012 Human Rights writing, research, and fellowship competitions and graduating students of the Program.

For more information, please email: human-rights@uchicago.edu



Still from *Identifying Nelson/Buscando a Roberto*



This lecture series honors the life and work of Robert H. Kirschner, M.D., noted forensic pathologist and a founder of the University of Chicago Human Rights Program.

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