Presentation and discussion with the author, Chesa Boudin

12 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2009
CLAS: Kelly Hall, Room 114
5848 S. University Ave

*Lunch will be provided.*

In the early months of 1999, an 18-year-old American from Chicago arrived in Guatemala City. He sought adventure and planned to learn Spanish but, beyond that, had no particular goal or destination in mind. He wasn’t even sure what it was that kept him moving. Certainly he never intended to write a book. But for Chesa Boudin, that visit was the beginning of an eight-year odyssey that crisscrossed Latin America, presenting a variety of extraordinary experiences and encounters, now brought together in *Gringo: A Coming of Age in Latin America* (Scribner), which John H. Coatsworth, director of the Institute for Latin American Studies at Columbia University calls, “a travel book with a difference…a must read for students and citizens seeking to understand the social conditions, and the social movements, that are driving much of Latin America to the left.”