

The Latin American Film Series Presents

# HIDDEN SCARS



**When:**  
**September 28, 2009**  
**7:00pm**

**Where:**  
**Cosford Cinema**  
**University of Miami**

A film by  
Grace Barnes  
With Q&A  
Grace Barnes, filmmaker  
John Lantigua, *Palm Beach Post*  
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*Hidden Scars* tells the story of a Maya Indian, kidnapped from his neighborhood in Guatemala City, falsely accused as a guerrilla spy, tortured for days, then left for dead on a roadside. Shattered and alone, he makes his way north to Los Angeles, where he seeks political asylum and relief from symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

This documentary adds a human face as context to the current discussion of the effectiveness or futility of torture used as a political tool.

*A stunning visual document that breaks through the wall of silence that the torturers impose on their victims.*

-Victor Perera, author of *Unfinished Conquest: The Guatemalan Tragedy*



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