



# The Nuts and Bolts of Doing Human Rights Work



## Realizing Your Vision: Founding an NGO

Tuesday, October 21, 2008  
12-1:20 PM, Room: 503

WCL student **Erik Swanson** will discuss the journey he took from working as director of a secondary school in Guatemala to eventually founding *Roots and Wings International*, an NGO that promotes higher education in impoverished indigenous regions of Guatemala. He will describe the practical steps he took from first having only a vision to actually establishing an NGO that currently provides 17 university scholarships to indigenous students as well as afterschool tutoring to 250 elementary school students in the surrounding area.

The Center's latest lunchtime lecture series, "The Nuts and Bolts of Doing Human Rights Work," kicked off this September. The events are all designed to provide a glimpse into the "real-life" experiences and challenges that face human rights practitioners out in the field. Panels will feature students, faculty, and guest speakers who will share their insights and stories.

All are invited to attend and contribute their ideas. Lunch will be served.

For more information about this event and others, please visit the Center's website at <http://www.WCLCenterforHR.org> or call 202-274-4180