



University of Dayton

**Human Rights  
Center**



**2019**  
**romero**  
**human rights award**

**SYMPOSIUM | CEREMONY | RECEPTION | EXHIBIT**

Thursday, April 11, 2019  
4:30 p.m.  
University of Dayton Boll Theatre

**#UDRomero19**

## 2019 honorees

*Human rights defenders, David Morales from Cristosal, and Ovidio Mauricio Gonzalez and Wilfredo Medrano from Tutela Legal will receive the award for their efforts to seek justice and accountability for current and past violence in El Salvador.*



### **CRISTOSAL**

Cristosal works to advance human rights in Central America through rights-based research, learning and programming. David Morales was previously the Human Rights Ombudsman of El Salvador (2013–2016) and leads Cristosal's Observatory on Forced Displacement by Violence covering El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

### **TUTELA LEGAL**

Tutela Legal (originally associated with the Archdiocese in San Salvador during Saint Romero's tenure) was one of the key human rights agencies that archived and collected stories and evidence during the 1980s civil war in El Salvador, and they continue to promote transitional justice and accountability for contemporary issues of state violence.

### **EL MOZOTE CASE**

The three lawyers are investigating and prosecuting the high profile El Mozote case, which is considered the largest state-sponsored killing in Latin America in the 20th century. While those standing accused of ordering the massacre are Salvadoran military leaders, the case also has significance for the United States because it was carried out by the Atlacatl battalion — some of whom trained at the U.S. Army School of the Americas and were funded and equipped by the U.S. government.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**SYMPOSIUM**

4:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

*Boll Theatre*

**Moderator**

**Ann C. Hudock**

*Executive Vice President,  
Counterpart International*

**Panelists**

**Ashley Feasley**

*Director of Policy, US Conference of Catholic  
Bishops Migrant and Refugee Services*

**Craig Hovey**

*Director, Ashland Center for Nonviolence;  
Human Rights Center Visiting Scholar*

**David Morales**

*Strategic Litigation Director, Cristosal;  
Honoree Romero Award 2019*

**Gabriella Pickett**

*Activist and Artist*

**Linda Rivas**

*Executive Director and Managing Attorney Las  
Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center*



## **CEREMONY**

6 – 7 p.m.

*Boll Theatre*

### **Welcome**

**Shelley Inglis**

*Executive Director, Human Rights Center*

### **Reflections on the Ministry and Martyrdom of Saint Romero:**

**Fr. Satish Joseph**

*St. Helen and Immaculate Conception Parishes*

### **Short film**

### **Remarks and Presentation of the Award**

**Eric F. Spina**

*President, University of Dayton*

### **2019 Award Honorees Address**

**David Morales**

*Cristosal*

**Ovidio Mauricio Gonzalez and Wilfredo**

**Medrano**

*Tutela Legal*

## **RECEPTION AND EXHIBIT**

7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

*Keller Hall Atrium*

Launch of “America the Borderland,” a multi-media exhibition featuring human rights defenders on the US-Mexico border by the Moral Courage Project. Based on fieldwork conducted by undergraduate students in El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juárez, Mexico in May 2018, the exhibit confronts the polarized debate surrounding threats to immigrant rights by centering the voices of the community on the frontline.

*Reflections will be provided by students and faculty Tania Boh, Rose Dyar, Mary McLoughlin, Natalie Hudson, Glenna Jennings and Joel Pruce.*



## **about the romero award**

The University of Dayton Romero Human Rights Award commemorates the ministry and martyrdom of the slain Salvadoran Archbishop Saint Romero and honors an individual or organization whose work has contributed significantly to the alleviation of human suffering and injustice.

**“While encouraging the development of a better world, we cannot remain silent about the scandal of poverty in its various forms. Violence, exploitation, discrimination, marginalization, restrictive approaches to fundamental freedoms, whether of individuals or of groups: these are some of the chief elements of poverty which need to be overcome.”**

**— Pope Francis**

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