



## Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Film Screening

### El Testigo (The Witness)

#### Panel I



**Jesús Abad Colorado** is an award-winning Colombian photojournalist whose work focuses on human rights and armed conflict. He worked as a photographer for the Medellín newspaper *El Colombiano* from 1992 to 2001, is co-author of two books, *Relatos e Imágenes: El desplazamiento forzado en Colombia (Narratives and Images: Forced Internal Displacement in Colombia)* and *Desde la prisión, realidades de las cárceles en Colombia (From Prison, Realities of the jails in Colombia)*, and has collaborated on many other books on human rights subjects. In 2000, he was kidnapped at a roadblock by National Liberation Army guerrillas and held for two days. His photographs have been shown in more than 30 exhibits and internationally.

He won the Simón Bolívar Prize for Journalism three times. In 2006, he was awarded the Caritas award in Switzerland and the CPJ International Press Freedom Award from the Committee to Protect Journalists.

#### Moderator



**Lisa Haugaard** is the executive director of the Latin America Working Group, where she has spearheaded advocacy on human rights and peace issues in Latin America for two decades. She directs advocacy on Colombia, Central America, development and military aid and policy and coordinates coalition campaigns with U.S. and Latin American partners. Lisa has testified multiple times before the U.S. Congress, written reports, memos and blogs on human rights topics, and has participated in international human rights verification missions in Colombia, Mexico and

Central America, including on extrajudicial executions, human rights defenders, migrant rights, and electoral observation.