

# *The Latin American Studies Center is proud to present:*

## "AMERICAN VISA"



a novel by Juan de Recacoechea

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AMERICAN VISA, the best-selling novel in Bolivian history, winner of Bolivia's 1994 National Book Prize, is only the 10th novel from that nation to be translated into English. The novel relates how an unemployed schoolteacher, armed with fake papers, a handful of gold nuggets, and a snazzy custom-made suit, sets out from a small town in Bolivia on a desperate quest for an American visa, his best hope for escaping his painful past and reuniting with his grown son in Miami.

Mr. Recacoechea and the translator of the book, Adrian Althoff, will visit the University to discuss the book and present short clips from the film. The discussion will focus on literary topics relative to the book, the relationship between the novel, the translation and the screen, and expanded to include a variety of issues ranging from contemporary Bolivian and Andean politics to current U.S. visa and immigration policies.



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Monday, October 8, 2007

9:30 a.m. -10:45 a.m.

St. Mary's Hall

Multipurpose Room