GENDER-BASED ASYLUM
the Rodi Alvarado Case
with Guest Speaker
STEPHEN KNIGHT

The U.S. continues to deny asylum protection
to women fleeing gender violence in their
home countries, ignoring decades of progress
in recognizing women's rights as human rights.

Rodi Alvarado suffered ten years of brutal
abuse at the hand of her husband in
Guatemala, and her pleas for protection from
the police and the courts were ignored. She
fled to the U.S. in 1995; her
request for asylum –
championed by the Center
for Gender and Refugee
Studies (CGRS) –
was first granted,
then denied, and
remains unresolved
today.

CGRS Deputy
Director Stephen
Knight will present
Rodi's plight through
a segment of a new PBS
documentary entitled
"Breaking Free:
A Woman's Journey"
and discuss how we
can help ensure that
the U.S. asylum laws
protect women seeking
protection from gender
violence.

Thursday, Nov. 17th 2005
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Charles E. Merrill Lounge
Merrill College, UCSC
$2 Parking Passes

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and Latin American & Latino Studies

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