## 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 Women'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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