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University of St. Thomas presents "Women of the World" Lecture Series

WHAT: Rosario Aguilar Arguello will speak on women, globalization, NAFTA, economics and indigenous struggles for autonomy at the 2007 Women of the World Lecture Series.

WHEN: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007

WHERE: Jones Hall
University of St. Thomas
3910 Yoakum

BACKGROUND: Arguello is an active member of The Other Campaign in Chiapas and a student of social anthropology at the Universidad Autónoma de Chiapas. She has participated in student groups in Chiapas, Bolivia, and Guatemala which aim to create solidarity networks and spaces of analysis of the Zapatista struggle. The Other Campaign was born out of the Sixth Declaration of the Lacandon Jungle, a manifesto issued in 2005, declaring Zapatismo principles and vision for Mexico and the world. The Campaign is an effort to form a united opposition to Mexico's "neoliberal capitalism," which promotes commercial interest over the interests of the Mexican people and the privatization of public resources.

Since the Zapatista uprising began on Jan. 1, 1994, the Mexican military and paramilitaries have waged a counter insurgency war against Zapatismo and supporter communities. Thirteen years after the uprising, the human rights abuses continue, affixing to the 500 years of cultural genocide against the indigenous communities of southern Mexico.

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Dr. Debra D. Andrist is the Cullen Professor of Spanish and chair of the Modern & Classical Languages at the University of St. Thomas. After Dr. Andrist's return from a 2004 Fulbright-Hays Fellowship in Morocco, she initiated the annual lecture series "Women of the World" to highlight the accomplishments of women from around the world.

COST: Free and open to the public.

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