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The Institute for Latino Studies proudly presents:

Grant Ramsey: Nicaragua
September 15 – November 14, 2008
Opening reception – September 17 5:00-7:00
Crossroads Gallery
217 S Michigan St.
South Bend IN 46601

The Institute for Latino Studies is pleased to announce the opening of the exhibition “Grant Ramsey: Nicaragua” on display in the Crossroads Gallery for the 2008 fall season.

In this collection of images, Grant Ramsey reveals the beauty and rich humanity of life in post-revolutionary Nicaragua. A self-trained photographer and Notre Dame professor who has traveled extensively in Nicaragua, Ramsey offers a body of work that pulses with an inner rhythm and emotional vitality. His photographs are candid reflections of public encounters at the market, on urban sidewalks, at political rallies, and at popular and religious festivals. Ramsey’s images implicitly challenge Third World stereotypes to highlight the dignity, complexity and humor of the human spirit in Nicaragua.

Ramsey first traveled to Central America as a student and solidarity activist in the mid-1990s. He later accompanied his wife, an anthropologist, during her field research in Nicaragua. Ramsey focuses his photographic eye on labor and leisure in Nicaragua: images ostensibly of play are also redolent of violence, loneliness, or sadness. And what on the surface are the most mundane forms of work—baking bread, selling meat at the market—are, at times, graceful, wistful or even comical. Ramsey’s “Nicaragua” conveys the spiritual richness of everyday life in one of the hemisphere’s poorest countries.

This event is free and open to the public.

The Crossroads Gallery is open daily, Monday–Friday, 9:00 am–4:00 pm.

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