Author John Ross to Speak at NMSU

Author and Mexican correspondent John Ross will speak and sign copies of his new book, Murdered by Capitalism, on Monday, October 25, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the second floor of NMSU’s Branson Library. From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., there will be a reception for Ross at NMSU’s Center for Latin American and Border Studies. Ross will give a talk entitled “Fixing the Zapatistas in History — A Ten Year Plus Retrospective,” from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Center for Latin American and Border Studies. The Center is located on University Avenue, directly across from Kinko’s.


Ross, who has lived for decades in Mexico City’s old quarter, is the author of seven works of fiction and non-fiction. He won the American Book Award in 1995 for Rebellion From the Roots, an early look at the Zapatista rebellion in Chiapas. Ross has covered Mexico for Noticias Aliadas in Lima, the Texas Observer, the San Francisco Bay Guardian and other publications.

As Ross tells it, the American Left is dead and buried. He sets his book in a graveyard populated by ghosts including E.B. Schnaubelt, Emma Goldman, Lucy Parsons, Sacco and Vanzetti and a host of others whose radical lifestyles and actions left their mark on revolutionaries who saw America in utopian terms. Ross, who has made a life out of dissent, laments the Left’s losses, its infighting, its failures and the occasional victory. His memoir is inspired by E. B. Schnaubelt’s tumbledown tombstone in California, which reads “Murdered by Capitalism.”

Please contact Latin American Librarian Molly Molloy at (505) 646-6931 for more information on the book signing. Contact Judy Forney at (505) 646-6814 for more information on the reception and presentation.