

# THE DEMOGRAPHIC DRIVERS OF GRIEF AND MEMORY AFTER GENOCIDE IN GUATEMALA



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In this presentation, **Diego Alburez-Gutierrez** will focus on the Maya genocide in Guatemala to explore (1) the relationship between excess mortality and the lived experience of kin loss, and (2) the implications of demographic change for preserving a memory of the genocide. He explores these two processes using a unique genealogical database that records the complete demographic history of Rio Negro, a genocide-affected population in Guatemala, between 1982 and 2015. One-third of the population were massacred, but two-thirds of the survivors were left bereaved.

You can read Dr. Alburez-Gutierrez's paper here:  
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