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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Alejandro Lugo, an internationally renowned anthropologist and professor at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, will deliver the International Studies Colloquium “Cruces: Transnational Crosses and Crossing at the U.S. Mexico Border” on behalf of the Development Studies Team. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held on Thursday, March 1 at 4 p.m. in the Beckman Auditorium of The Ames Library (1 Ames Plaza, Bloomington).

The presentation by Lugo, who has written extensively about the effects of globalization, will include an ethnographic photo essay, part of which was published in the fall 2006 issue of *South Atlantic Quarterly*. He will explore issues such as the relationships between religion and political economy and gender and death. Lugo will use class inequity as an essential theme to bring about an understanding of the vulnerability many Mexicans face on the streets of Juarez, at religious pilgrimages inspected by border patrol officials, and at dangerous crossroads where many men, women, and children have died.

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