

*The Central American Lecture Series Presents:*

## **Dr. Luther Castillo:**

### **Garifuna Communities & Healthcare in post coup Honduras**



**Thursday March 29, 2012**  
**Whitsett Room, CSUN**  
**4PM**

Doctor Luther Castillo is a doctor, a community organizer, a Human Rights promoter and the director of the Garifuna Foundation Luagu Hatuadi Waduheño, "*Para la Salud de Nuestro Pueblo.*" He runs the First Popular Garifuna Hospital in Ciriboya (Mañaly), Colón, Honduras, the first and only hospital in the nation to provide services free of cost to more than 20,000 Garifuna, Indigena and Miskitu communities (<http://primerhospitalgarifuna.blogspot.com/p/ingles.html>). Since the coup d'état in June 28, 2009, the hospital has been the target of threats and attacks against Dr. Castillo and medical staff. Due to the repression, the hospital has had to close its doors several times leaving many in the area in great need. Doctor Castillo will speak on the effects of the coup d'état, the increased militarization in the area and how the violence impacts healthcare and the wellbeing of the Garifuna Indigenous communities of the North Coast.



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