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# Turning Back the Clock

## Do women's rights have a place in the new Sandinista era?



A Room of One's Own  
307 W. Johnson St.  
Madison, WI

Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

Yamileth Mejía and Violeta Delgado (left) will visit Madison to discuss their defense of women's rights and the opposition that threatens their freedom.

A tide of anti-feminist sentiment is rising in Nicaragua supported largely by extreme right-wing religious non-governmental organizations, and to the dismay of many on the political left, the Nicaraguan government. At the center of the controversy is the debate of a woman's right to a "therapeutic abortion", or an abortion deemed medically necessary and performed when the life of the mother is endangered. Therapeutic abortion was banned in Nicaragua in 2006, following a presidential campaign, which saw forces of the right and "left" converge in an effort to gain the support of conservative religious constituencies.

Violeta Delgado and Yamileth Mejía are two of nine Nicaraguan feminists being targeted in a new campaign to repress the Nicaraguan women's movement. They have dedicated their lives to the defense of women against violence, but are now faced with defending themselves as threats of prison sentences loom.

Join the Wisconsin Coordinating Council on Nicaragua (WCCN) in welcoming Delgado and Mejía to Madison as they tour the United States in an effort to mobilize support against and raise awareness about the politically motivated case that may soon send them to court.

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