

Becoming an Active Participant in the Educational Adventure

Malcolm Miguel Botto-Wilson



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Malcolm Botto-Wilson's education is more than illustrative of his lecture title. Botto-Wilson has made his adventures an education and active does not come close to describing his participation. Originally from Argentina,

Botto-Wilson grew up

in Hawaii and California and now calls Utah home. He has studied at San Bernardino Valley College, BYU—Hawaii, and BYU—Provo. A mission to Guatemala sparked a need to return and learn more about the complexities of life there. His research foci are linguistics and anthropology, which were aided by three field studies to Guatemala in 1999, 2000, and 2002. He received a FLAS grant to study Kaqchikel in 2003 and a FAMS I grant to translate one of the only monolingual Amerindian-language dictionaries in 2004 (ongoing). His facility with K'iche', Q'eqchi', and Spanish has provided opportunities as an interpreter for the Church and BYU Radio. He is past-president, Latin American Section leader, and cultural/creative consultant for Living Legends. And he was an assistant to Dave Shuler, International Field Studies coordinator. Botto-Wilson presented "Paraiso Maya: Redefining Education" at the AAA meetings in San Francisco and Chicago. He will present a short documentary on Kabawil and Rock-Maya at the LASA conference. His thesis topic is "Rock-Maya: Music and Identity Formation of Maya."

International Field Studies Lecture Series

**Fridays, beginning
30 September–November
at noon in 238 HRCB.**

International Study Programs (ISP) and the David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies are pleased to announce the new International Field Studies Lecture Series. The lectures will highlight past field study students, who conducted research over the past decade since field studies began at BYU. The more senior alumni will often include descriptions of how their original international experience contributed to their further academic achievements, career, and life paths. Topics to be covered will include: ceremonial drumming in Ghana, cross-cultural psychology in India, religious movements in the highlands of Guatemala, and survival strategies of street children in South Africa. It is hoped that this lecture series will not only be interesting and educational, but will also illustrate, for BYU students, the possibilities, and advantages, of conducting cross-cultural field work, as well as to encourage undergraduate research and mentored learning.