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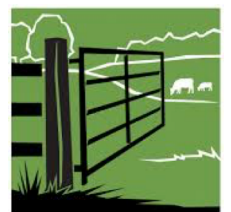
**TOMAS
MEMBREÑO PEREZ**

**Monday, April 2nd
5:30-7:30pm at CTUL
3715 Chicago Ave S**

Learn from Tomas about **labor rights, union organizing** and **effects of Free Trade Agreements** on small producers in Honduras

Tomas has been a *campesino* leader leading *compañeros* during land recuperation struggles and urging *campesino* groups to organize and affiliate themselves with the National Campesino Union of Honduras (UNC). Due to his work with agrarian movements, Tomas came under heavy persecution by large landowners and the state, forcing him to migrate within Honduras. Amidst growing labor violations at a private company, Tomas and others made effort to unionize, and in 2005 he was named president of the newly-established SITRAGUA, a union dedicated to the cultivation and export of bananas.

In 2013, due to widespread labor violations and ongoing persecution from the government and businesses to eliminate company unions, it became necessary to forge a larger network, the result of which arose STAS, the Agro-industrial Workers Union. Tomas is currently the president of STAS, and also serves as secretary of FESTAGRO, the Trade Union Federation of Agribusiness Workers. Both STAS and FESTAGRO represent the first trade union and union federation in Honduras.



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