

# NUTRITION AND **HEALTH DISPARITIES**

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

A seminar presented by special guest,

**Jason Glaser of La Isla Foundation**

## **“Public Health in the Context of Structural Violence: Jason Glaser of La Isla Foundation”**

THURSDAY (special day), April 25<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 – 1:00 PM,  
**915 Green Street (Discovery building), Room 140**

Jason Glaser, co-founder of La Isla Foundation will present on the Chronic Kidney Disease epidemic of unknown origin (CKDu) that is decimating populations of sugarcane workers in Western Nicaragua and the rest of Central America. LIF began 5 years ago focusing on a community known as La Isla de las Viudas, the Island of Widows, a community where nearly 70% of the men have died working in the local sugarcane industry which produces biofuel, sugar and rum. Two out of three workers in the affected region develop CKDu and without adequate treatment or funds, they begin the painful process towards death. Through coordinating medical research, international media attention, and engaging in alternative development in affected communities, La Isla Foundation is committed to determining the cause of CKDu and to ultimately enact public health and policy interventions.

**This is a free seminar. All interested are welcome to attend.  
Feel free to bring a bag lunch.**

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