SOAN Spring 2018 Colloquium, 3rd in a series, Presenting: Update on the Ch’orti’ Project!

Title: Language Revitalization and Community Development in Guatemala and Honduras
Time/Location: Monday, April 16, 3:30-5:00pm @ CN 103
Presenters: Dr. Robin Quizar, Dr. Andrew Pantos, Dr. Rebecca Forgash, Jeremey Bongers, Aaron Gallegos, Patrick Hardy & Katrina Geist

What is the Ethnography Lab up to? What happened on the recent trip to Central America? And how can I get involved?

The Ch’orti’ Project is a research and community development project established five years ago to help revitalize and maintain the Ch’orti’ (Mayan) language of Guatemala. Recent decipherment of the Mayan hieroglyphs shows that this Ch’olan language is a direct descendant of the language of the scribes who carved their history into stone at Classic Mayan sites, such as Copan and Tikal.

Our presentation will discuss the importance of the Ch’orti’ language for scholars and local communities, field experiences in Guatemala and Honduras for students and faculty, data collection and analysis of Ch’orti’ language, and contributions to local language and culture revitalization initiatives.