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Upcoming Talk by Dr. Javier Auyero

Dr. Javier Auyero will present **Toxic Waiting: Shantytown Lives in the Midst of Garbage and Poison** on Thursday, February 4th at 2:30 p.m. in Agnes Hall 549. Based on 30 months of ethnographic fieldwork, Dr. Javier Auyero describes the effects of contamination in the lives of shantytown dwellers in Argentina and explains the puzzling meanings residents assign to it. Waiting—as an expression of powerlessness—seems to be the outcome of their uncertainty and confusion over source and form of toxic assault.

The author of several books, Javier Auyero is Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Professor in Latin American Sociology, University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Auyero's talk is sponsored by The Tenneco Series Lectures, Latin American Studies (LAST), and The Department of History.