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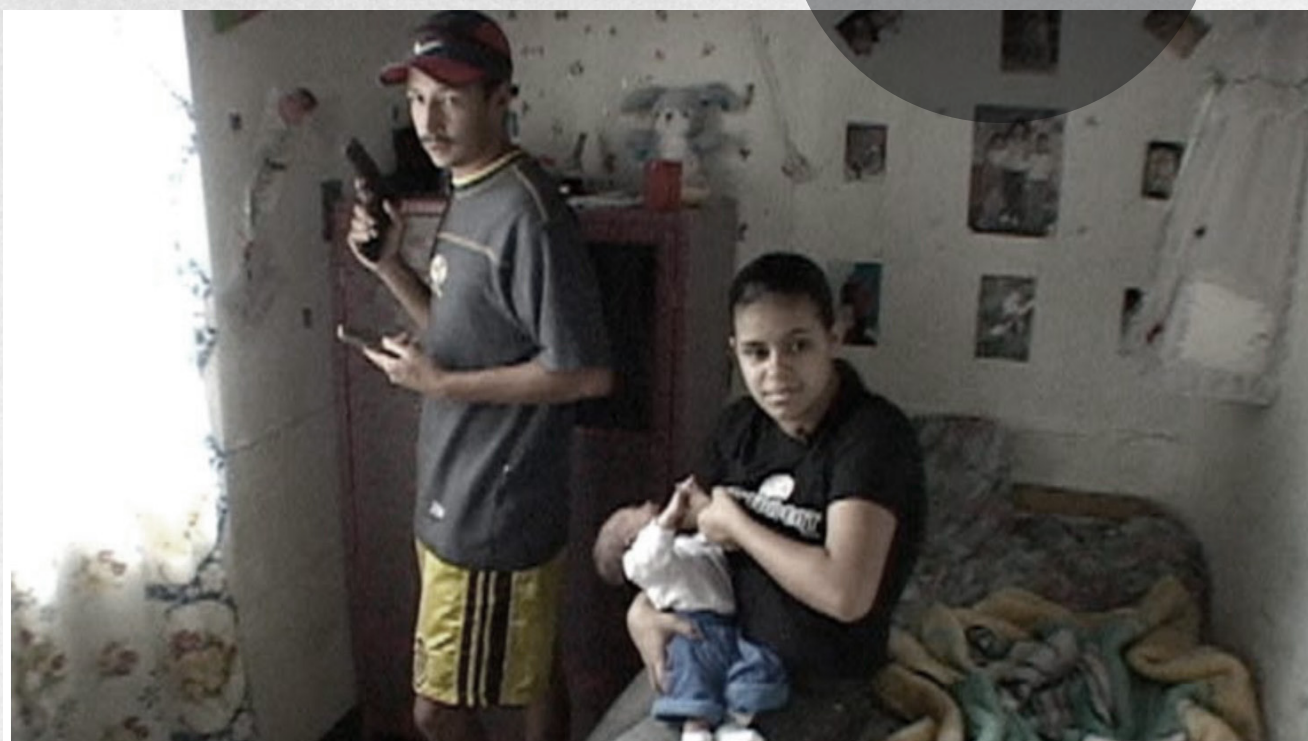
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Tuesday, April 30, 7PM  
Betts Auditorium, School of Architecture

## LA SIERRA

2005. USA. directed by Scott Dalton and Margarita Martinez. 84 min.  
Introduction by Robert Karl, Princeton University.

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More than 30,000 people have been killed over the last ten years in Colombia's bloody civil conflict, in which left-wing guerillas fight against the government and illegal right-wing paramilitary groups. Recently, as guerillas and paramilitaries sought to control marginal city neighborhoods, urban gangs aligned themselves with each side. In this way, the national conflict was translated into a brutal turf war that pitted adjacent barrios against each other. The documentary *La Sierra* explores life over the course of a year in one such barrio (La Sierra, in Medellin), through the prism of three young lives defined by violence. In a place where journalists are seldom allowed, Scott Dalton and Margarita Martinez spent a year filming, interviewing, and building trust. The result is a frank portrayal that not only includes startling scenes of graphic violence and its aftermath, but also reveals intimate moments of love and tenderness, and shows the everyday life that manages to coexist with conflict.

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12 Mar The Naked City  
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