

## **MA Alum Publishes Journal Article Based on MA Dissertation**

Luis Abolafia Anguita, who received his MA from the Centre for Applied Human Rights in 2010, has just published a timely article in *The International Journal of Human Rights* on “Tackling corrective rape in South Africa”

(<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13642987.2011.575054>). In that article, he argues that LGBT civil society organisations, which have an unworkable relationship with the government, could engage more effectively with national human rights institutions to address corrective rape. The article, which grew out of his MA dissertation, was based on fieldwork he did in South Africa. Luis notes that, “The MA gave me a wonderful chance to write on the topics that most interest me: gender equality, rights recognition for LGBT people, and state-civil society relations. During the MA program’s two-week field visit to Cape Town, I gained insight into how those three issues are playing out in South Africa and made contacts I would use later when doing my dissertation fieldwork.” Martin Jones, lecturer at the Centre and Luis’ supervisor, remarks that “Luis used his dissertation to advocate for more pragmatic, coordinated action by human rights defenders on an issue he felt strongly about. As one of the first studies of this topic, his article should inform human rights practice to help stop corrective rape.”