



LATCRIT BOARD-AND-FRIENDS RETREAT

(“BFR”)

**InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico, School of Law
San Juan, Puerto Rico**

May 7-9, 2005

Background and Introduction

This gathering will be the third of the LatCrit Board-and-Friends Retreat, and each has taken place in San Juan in conjunction with the South-North Exchange on Theory, Culture and Law. These BFR retreats are designed to supplement the Annual Planning Retreat, which is held each year immediately after the Annual LatCrit Conference. The past two BFR agendas have focused, respectively, on (1) streamlining our approaches to institutional self-governance and (2) on organizing our various community projects into a coherent and sustainable “portfolio.” This third BFR will focus on various issues or plans that remain outstanding from the prior two BFR meetings. After this third BFR, we hope and expect to be well positioned for the next Annual Planning Retreat, scheduled for October 9-10, 2005 in conjunction with the Tenth Annual LatCrit Conference which, by coincidence, also will meet in San Juan. To view the agendas of the previous BFR meetings, or to learn more about our other past and current community projects in the LatCrit Portfolio of Projects or view our symposia publications and, please visit our website at www.latcrit.org, or request a copy of the LatCrit Informational CD by writing to csantiago@ithaca.edu or to latcrit@law.miami.edu. Thank you for your interest ... we hope to see you soon!

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2005

1:30-2:30 PM ***Building Critical Networks: The South-North Connection***

Even as LatCrit scholars endeavor through initiatives like the South-North Exchange (“SNX”) to forge hemispheric critical networks, other scholars have undertaken parallel efforts. This session is a “brainstorming” opportunity to build synergies between our ongoing efforts, including the SNX, and one other similar effort based on a conference held in March 2005 at Harvard Law School. The aim of this session is to produce some concrete follow-up plans and timelines for the completion of specific tasks between now and the LatCrit X conference in October 2005, where we hope to continue this conversation.

2:45-3:45 PM: ***The SNX: 2006 and Beyond***

This session invites reflection on this year’s SNX and an opportunity for advance planning toward the next SNX, which will focus our attention on the imperatives, techniques and consequences of free market-isms. During this session, we can explore also how the next SNX may provide a venue for further development of, and follow-up on, the conversation of the first session on the cultivation of South-North critical networks.

4:00-6:00 PM: ***Clave, Revista Juridica and NLLSA: Student-Oriented Initiatives***

This session is designed to enable a holistic conversation of recent and proposed initiatives designed both to include students actively in our community projects and to make our existing student-oriented projects more effective. We will be joined by Editorial Board Members of Clave, the new LatCrit journal being started up in partnership with the InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico School of Law (“IAUPR”) and of Revista Juridica (the IAUPR law review), as well as Board Members of the National Latina/o Law Student Association (NLLSA).

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2005

9:15-10:45 AM: ***The CGC: 2006 and Beyond***

This session will focus on the portions of the Critical Global Classroom (“CGC”) study-abroad program for 2006 in Puerto Rico, Argentina and Chile, and should help set the stage for the next CGC Project Team meeting, scheduled for July 2005 in Brazil in conjunction with the LatCrit International and Comparative Law Colloquium, which will meet in Rio de Janeiro on Friday, July 8, 2005.

11:00-12:30 PM: ***Information & Communication: Establishing a Project Team***

This session is aimed at establishing a Project Team to streamline and rationalize our management of our four main informational or outreach tools: the LatCrit website, the LatCrit E-Letter, the LatCrit Informational CD, and the LatCrit Informational Brochure.

12:45-2:30 PM: ***Working Lunch and Wrap-Up Discussion***

This session is devoted to ensuring that we conclude with a solid plan of action and timelines that clearly allocates concrete follow-up tasks among us, so that everyone can follow up in a timely way to ensure the success of this third BFR meeting, and thus help set the stage for our next community-wide gathering – LCX in October.

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2005

9:15 AM-2:30 PM ***CGC-San Juan Hotel Visits and Exploratory Meetings***

This day is reserved for group inspection of the various housing facilities proposed for the Puerto Rico portion of the CGC 2006, and to allow exploratory meetings with management regarding contracts.