



THE LATCRIT E-LETTER

an electronic newsletter reporting to the community on group projects, events and plans

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!!! WELCOME !!!

Hola amigas/os! Welcome back to school ... and to the inaugural issue of the LatCrit E-Letter, an electronic newsletter that we will send you via email three times per year (September/fall, January/spring and June/summer) to keep you apprised of community projects, events and plans - and to invite your feedback and active participation in the programs or activities of your choice. Immediately below, this inaugural issue provides capsule summaries and key dates on recent programs and upcoming events in the fall, followed by the Annual LatCrit Calendar of Projects and Key Dates, which provides a year-long overview for easy advance planning. For more information on the various projects or plans mentioned below, please visit our newly re-designed and updated website at WWW.LATCRIT.ORG If you prefer not to receive future issues of this E-Letter, please send us a brief email to LATCRIT@LAW.MIAMI.EDU and we will unsubscribe you. Gracias! Thanks!

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Last year was an extremely productive year for the expansion of our Portfolio of Projects (for a complete listing of LatCrit projects, please visit the website) ... the LatCrit VIII conference in Cleveland was a smashing success, with the proceedings scheduled to appear as a symposium issue of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Review ... while there, we celebrated the election of Berta Hernandez-Truyol and Angela P. Harris as LatCrit Co-Chairs, along with Frank Valdes, as well as the election of Margaret Montoya and Tayyab Mahmud to the LatCrit Board. Also, the First Annual Faculty Development Workshop took place before LatCrit VIII, and the Third Annual Planning Retreat took place immediately afterward ... both events were equally successful, and work on next year's conference in Philadelphia, as well Workshop and Retreat, already has begun, with Frank Rudy Copper and Beth Lyon (Villanova) spearheading the planning for LatCrit IX and related events in Philly (see information below, or contact Frank and Beth at Villanova).

In addition, last year we inaugurated the Student Scholar Program (SSP) in partnership with Boalt Hall and the Critical Global Classroom Study Abroad Program (CGC) in partnership with the University of Baltimore School of Law ... the SSP is a mentoring program for students from any discipline or region who are interested in pursuing critical race/ethnicity studies and academic careers ... the scholarships are awarded on the basis of an original scholarly work and personal statement that are due this January 20th - please pass word to your students (and refer them to our website for more info)! In its inaugural year, the SSP, attracted 22 submissions from three continents and across various disciplines in both Spanish and English. As per the SSP guidelines, the papers submitted focus on race and ethnicity, and span issues ranging from special assessment districts to the dispossession of Mexican landowners in California to sexual orientation and cultural orientalist fantasies. The SSP Selection Committee designated four student scholars and two honorable mentions from law and other disciplines ... this inaugural class of Student Scholars presented their papers at the Cleveland Conference, which also will be published in the LatCrit VIII symposium issue, and the Student Scholars also received scholarships to attend the CGC program in Chile and Argentina. The CGC, with a cross-disciplinary curriculum focused on social justice activism, enrolled a

total of 24 students from various disciplines and three continents; in a year of global conflict, we were fortunate - the CGC was a fabulous success by all accounts and plans already are underway to expand next year's program to include two weeks in South Africa as well ... please look for our outreach materials for the 2004 CGC later this fall, and help us reach your social justice-minded students during the key months of October and November ... the LatCrit Colloquium on International and Comparative Law convened for the fifth time this August, at the University of Buenos Aires, as part of the formal curriculum of the CGC ... with a program spanning four full days with presentations by nearly 80 scholars from all over the Americas and South Africa, this year's Colloquium program was by far the richest yet, and the papers and proceedings of the Colloquium program will be published as a law review symposium later this academic year. Most importantly, plans for next year's Colloquium, August 7-10 in Cape Town, South Africa already are humming along as well ... in short, last year's labors set the stage for fabulous follow-ups in the 2003-04 academic year ... mark your calendar and make your plans now!!!

UPCOMING (FALL) EVENTS

This fall semester will feature the inauguration of two very important projects in partnership with the School of Law at the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico in San Juan (IAUPR). The first is a new scholarly journal to be published twice annually, with the first issue due in time for the LatCrit IX conference (April 29 - May 4, 2004) and the second is an annual interdisciplinary "exchange" on theory, culture and law, which will commence this year during December 10-13 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. In addition, as the Annual LatCrit Calendar of Projects and Key Dates presented immediately below shows, various events relating to the LatCrit IX conference, to the Student Scholar Project, to the Critical Global Classroom, or to other community activities also will be taking place during the fall semester - please review the Annual LatCrit Calendar below and look for the follow-up information on these and other projects, which we will circulate throughout the fall ... we hope to see you often this year and, in the meantime, invite you to visit our website at WWW.LATCRIT.ORG or write us directly at LATCRIT@LAW.MIAMI.EDU for additional information on community events.

The new scholarly journal will be peer-reviewed, devoted to fostering trans-disciplinary discourse and advancing critical antisubordination theory and praxis in law and other fields. To establish a conversation that disrupts the traditional boundaries and hierarchies of academic categories, the journal will feature individual articles, essays and reviews by scholars, activists, policy-makers and other commentators - including faculty and students from cultural studies, American studies, history, sociology, anthropology and "law proper" - as well as symposia organized around specific substantive themes and, at times, the proceedings or works of collective LatCrit programs or projects. During the fall semester, we will undertake a community-wide process to determine a name for this new periodical - please look for, and respond to, the materials we will send you via email shortly inviting your suggestions for the journal's name and your feedback to the draft Mission Statement. Afterward, we will circulate a formal Call for Papers with submission guidelines and related materials. For subscription/other information, please write to us at LATCRIT@LAW.MIAMI.EDU and look for our follow-ups.

The second project, tentatively named the South-North Exchange on Theory, Culture and Law, is a new annual encounter bringing together theorists from various disciplines and regions of the hemisphere (and beyond) with social justice activists to examine cultural issues and the application of critical theory in local, national, regional and global policy-making. The first meeting of the South-North Exchange will focus on south-north relations to explore current issues in theory and culture and to begin forging a common agenda of priorities for the next year's Exchange. Please plan in advance to join us for the inauguration of this new project, and to help determine the substantive valence of its future ... plan ahead to join us in Puerto Rico this December 10-13!

Finally, looking ahead a bit, please plan to join us at the LatCrit-at-AALS Hospitality Suite during this year's Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) in Atlanta (January 2 - 6, 2004), a community-building venue that we also inaugurated last year ... later this fall - probably in early December - we will circulate email invitations to this year's Suite Events, along with a Calendar of Suite Events, so that you can join us for the festivities and meetings of your choice. To plan (and budget) in advance, take a look now at the Annual LatCrit Calendar on the next page ... we hope to cross paths with you in 2003-04 soon and often. Have a great fall (and year) ... abrazos fuerte a todas/os!!! Mil Gracias!!!

ANNUAL CALENDAR OF PROJECTS AND KEY DATES

FALL 2003

(!! PLEASE RETAIN THIS 2003-04 ANNUAL LATCRIT CALENDAR FOR FUTURE REFERENCE !!)

This Annual LatCrit Calendar presents, month-by-month, the key dates relating to our annual group projects to help you plan well in advance the activities or programs in which you wish to participate this year ... please review it carefully, print out the attached MS Word document for future reference, and please visit our website (WWW.LATCRIT.ORG) for updates!

<u>MONTH/DATE</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>EVENT/DEADLINE WITH MISCELLANEOUS NOTES</u>
FALL 2003:		
SEPTEMBER	5 th	SSP SSP CALL FOR STUDENT PAPERS AND APPLICATIONS ISSUED
	10 th	LATCRIT E-LETTER FALL ISSUE E-CIRCULATED
	15 th	LATCRIT IX LATCRIT IX CALL FOR PAPERS & PANEL PROPOSALS ISSUED
	30 th	INT'L & COMP. COLLOQUIUM <u>DUE DATE:</u> SYMPOSIUM SUBMISSIONS BASED ON THE INT'L & COMP. COLLOQUIUM
OCTOBER	10 th	CGC STUDENT OUTREACH AND REGISTRATION BEGIN
	20 th	LATCRIT IX <u>DUE DATE:</u> RESPONSES TO LATCRIT IX CALL FOR PAPERS & PANEL PROPOSALS
	30 th	S-N EXCHANGE PROGRAM, SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION MATERIALS CIRCULATED
NOVEMBER	1-15 th	CGC ON-CAMPUS INFO MEETINGS CONDUCTED
	20 th	S-N EXCHANGE <u>DUE DATE:</u> S-N EXCHANGE REGISTRATIONS
DECEMBER	5 th	LATCRIT-AT-AALS "SUITE EVENTS" EMAIL INVITATIONS SENT OUT
	10-13 th	S-N EXCHANGE CONVENES IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO (IAUPR)
	14-16 th	BOARD RETREAT *(ONE-TIME EVENT) CONVENES IN VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO
SPRING 2004:		
JANUARY	2-6 th	LATCRIT-AT-AALS "SUITE EVENTS" CONVENES IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA
	10 th	LATCRIT E-LETTER SPRING ISSUE E-CIRCULATED
	20 th	SSP <u>DUE DATE:</u> STUDENT SUBMISSIONS/ APPLICATIONS
FEBRUARY	10 th	LATCRIT IX PROGRAM SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION MATERIALS CIRCULATED
	20 th	S-N EXCHANGE <u>DUE DATE:</u> SYMPOSIUM SUBMISSIONS BASED ON THE S-N EXCHANGE
MARCH	10 th	INT'L & COMP. COLLOQUIUM INT'L & COMP. COLLOQUIUM CALL FOR PAPERS & PANEL PROPOSALS ISSUED
	20 th	SSP STUDENT SCHOLARS DESIGNATED
	30 th	LATCRIT IX <u>DUE DATE:</u> LATCRIT IX REGISTRATIONS
APRIL	5 th	CGC FINAL DEADLINE: CGC STUDENT ENROLLMENT
MAY	1-4 th	NEW/ JR. FACULTY WORKSHOP CONVENES IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
		LATCRIT IX AND ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT CONVENES IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
SUMMER 2004:		
JUNE	10 th	LATCRIT E-LETTER SUMMER ISSUE E-CIRCULATED
	20 th	INT'L & COMP. COLLOQUIUM PROGRAM, SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION MATERIALS CIRCULATED
JULY	5 th	CGC CONVENES IN SANTIAGO DE CHILE (AND TRAVELS TO BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA)
	15 th	INT'L & COMP. COLLOQUIUM <u>DUE DATE:</u> INT'L & COMP. COLLOQUIUM REGISTRATIONS
AUGUST	5 th	CGC CONVENES IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA
	7-11 th	INT'L & COMP. COLLOQUIUM CONVENES ON ROBBIN ISLAND, SOUTH AFRICA
	30 th	LATCRIT IX <u>DUE DATE:</u> SYMPOSIUM SUBMISSIONS BASED ON LATCRIT IX