

**CHICANA/O STUDIES COLLOQUIUM PROPOSAL
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As part of the activities sponsored by LatCrit, Inc., I propose a bi-annual colloquium in which approximately twenty-five (25) LatCrit and Chicana/o Studies scholars would be invited to discuss recent scholarship, present papers, and review recent developments in scholarship pertaining specifically to critical analysis of the status of Chicana/os in the United States, North America, and the world.

Goals

The biannual colloquium, among other things, would strive to

1. create a venue for concentrated attention on Chicana/os in LatCrit scholarship;
2. build scholarly links between LatCrit and Chicana/o Studies scholars, as well as with NACCS;
3. build community among LatCrit and Chicana/o Studies scholars; and
4. allow for a continuing intellectual dialogue in this area, which would be especially necessary if the annual LatCrit conferences move to a bi-annual format

LatCrit scholar participants stand to gain from hearing about and engaging recent developments in Chicana/o Studies scholarship. Chicana/o Studies scholars also might gain intellectually from exposure to LatCrit theory.

Possible Participants

I propose inviting scholars from the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS) Regional FOCOS, as well as Chicana/o Studies scholars on the campus hosting the colloquium and in the general region, as well as legal scholars interested in centering Chicana/os in LatCrit theory.

We believe that Chicana/o Studies scholars would be interested in this colloquium opportunity. Chicana/o Studies scholars have expressed an interest in LatCrit theory; a few have participated in the annual LatCrit meeting. Indeed, one candidate for chair of NACCS this year

ran on a platform of building better links with LatCrit theory.

Publication Venues

I propose finding a publication venue for papers presented at the colloquium. For example, Aztlán, which is published by the UCLA Chicana/o Research Center, might be interested. University presses might be interested as well. Other publications venues, including the new LatCrit journal, could be explored.

Sites

The location could rotate each year among schools in the Southwest, an area with high concentrations of LatCrit and Chicana/o Studies scholars. This format should help to minimize costs. UC Davis, _____, _____, and _____ are possible host institutions for the colloquia.

Funding

Funding would be sought from law schools and other sources on an as needed basis, in a way similar to the regional law teachers of color conferences.

Inaugural Colloquium

If all went according to plan, we would hope to hold the first colloquium in the fall of 2004.