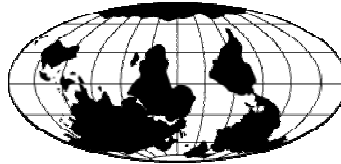


AN INTRODUCTION AND INVITATION: ILW

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The Introduction to LatCrit Workshop (“ILW”) acknowledges the many LatCrit-affiliated professors whom Latina/o law students and their allies have invited to deliver panels, workshops and keynote speeches at the annual National Latina/o Law Student Conference (“NLLSA Conference”), the largest gathering of Latina/o law students in the U.S.

Since 1996, a year after the colloquium where “LatCrit” was first named, Latina/o law students and their allies have organized the NLLSA Conference to transform their consciousness about the possibilities and limits of legal education in the U.S. by momentarily coalescing nationally around Latina/o identities. The ILW seeks to build this important relationship critically by institutionalizing a three-part design informed by past experiences at the NLLSA Conference.

To integrate the diversity of LatCrit-affiliated professors’ interests with the desire to introduce LatCrit with some consistency, the ILW starts with a substantive overview of LatCrit theory as an expression of outsider jurisprudence, identifying both conceptual and historical highlights so that students glimpse “the big picture.” The second part then applies LatCrit theory to current issues of law and policy to demonstrate concretely the difference that a LatCritical approach can make in our perception of sociolegal problems and their appropriate solutions. Combining a theoretical overview with a concrete application provides students with a substantive grounding in LatCrit theory & praxis.

The final part then demonstrates resources with which students can integrate the insights presented by the ILW into their ongoing learning and individual law-related research projects. By introducing students to the materials contained in the LatCrit Informational CD and showing how they can be easily accessed, this part also highlights LatCrit’s student-oriented projects, such as the Cyber Classroom Project, Student Scholar Program and Critical Global Classroom, with the aim of inspiring students’ future engagement with LatCrit.

Each year, as the NLLSA Conference changes venue, the ILW coordinator solicits members of the LatCrit community to participate in the ILW, attending to the location of the NLLSA Conference and LatCrit professors’ locations, interests and limited time. If you are interested in helping to institutionalize LatCrit’s presence at the NLLSA Conference, please contact Marc-Tizoc González, at marctizoc@yahoo.com.