

Save the Date & Call for Papers

Sixth Annual LatCrit Conference

**The University of Florida Hotel and Conference Center
&
The University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law**

Gainesville, Florida

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LatCrit VI

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TO: The LatCrit Community and Friends

FR: The LatCrit VI Planning Committee

**RE: LatCrit VI - Save The Date & Call for Papers, Panels &
Participation**

**RESPONSE DUE DATE:
October 20, 2000**

Saludos! The conference theme for the Sixth Annual LatCrit Conference in Gainesville, Florida on April 26-29, 2001 will be *Latinas/os and the Americas: Centering North-South Frameworks in LatCrit Theory*. We encourage you to respond to this Call for Papers, Panels and Participation with your ideas. After reading this Call carefully, please

complete and FAX back the enclosed Program Proposal Form as soon as possible and no later than the due date of October 20, 2000.

This Sixth Annual LatCrit Conference--"LatCrit VI"--will seek to look back at our short but rich history, and to move forward with the development of theory and praxis in our diverse communities, specifically in light of the globalizations that are increasingly blurring national borders in the Americas. During the past five years, the annual LatCrit conferences have focused on domestic and international sociolegal issues through several distinct though inter-related lenses of critical inquiry: (1) Latina/o pan-ethnicity and multiracialism, including intra-Latina/o issues of sameness and difference as well as non-Hispanic Latinas/os, including mestizaje, Indianess and blackness in Latina/o communities and societies; (2) identity - religion, culture, gender, sexuality and heteropatriarchy; (3) immigrations, migrations, and citizenships; (4) coalition, democracy, and community; (5) class and economic equity, including trade, labor, and environment. These conference themes have deployed sociopolitical categories that help to delineate status, opportunity and power both in the United States and beyond it, and which in part are constructed formally and actually by law. Returning to these five previous conference themes as a set, this year the conference theme focuses critical attention on inter-American issues of law, justice and society.

This year, the conference theme *Latinas/os and the Americas: Centering North-South Frameworks in LatCrit Theory* is designed to encourage exploration of the links that bind Latina/o communities in the United States to their homeland societies, cultures and economies. These links help to explain why Latinas/os in the United States constitute transnational groups and communities, typically retaining strong material connections to, and cultural identifications with, their homelands' traditions, issues, concerns, hopes and aspirations. These links, while oftentimes noted in prior LatCrit programs and texts, have yet to be explicitly thematized and explored in a programmatic way; this year, we take up this pending challenge collectively.

This year's program is designed to encourage papers and panels that adopt specifically inter-American approaches to social and legal issues. Our hope is that you and other scholars will consider undertaking some comparative critical studies of "domestic" issues and their counterparts throughout the Americas, using one or more of the five lenses or categories employed in prior years' conference themes - ethnicity, race, gender, religion, sexuality, class, etc. The basic concept is to encourage critical inquiry of the five broad areas thematized previously (and noted more fully above) in ways that illuminate and elucidate the North-South character of Latina/o transnationality. Underscoring the inter/national nature of LatCrit theory to date, this year's conference planners generally hope to turn the gains and insights of the past five years toward a better collective understanding of the diverse hemisphere we share: the Americas.

As always, the conference program will be designed to accommodate panels and papers that do not directly reflect the conference theme - as always, the Conference Planning Committee invites and welcomes *all* papers and panels that expand and deepen LatCrit theory. To facilitate LatCrit theorists' wide range of interests, past LatCrit conferences

have sought to feature and balance four basic guideposts in organizing the substantive program. This year, we once again encourage you and other scholars to consider these four additional factors as guideposts for your paper or panel, and to return your response to this Call as soon as possible and no later than October 20, 2000.

These four additional factors or guideposts are listed below. They have, during the past several years, served as useful lenses for papers and other program events. The following four guideposts are offered, therefore, as possible points of reference for thinking in new ways about familiar issues (like affirmative action and bilingual education), as well as for encouraging critical forays into new substantive areas (like communications or antitrust laws):

1) Papers or panels that *focus on Latinas/os* as a distinct but multiply diverse and transnational social group, and the group's relationship to law or current legal regimes/practices. The idea is to "center" Latinas/os qua Latinas/os in legal discourse, but to do so in a way that recognizes and accounts for the many axes of difference that help to define Latina/o heterogeneity, both domestically and internationally.

2) Papers or panels that bring a *regional focus* to the conference, corresponding to the region or locale of that year's conference. In this case, in varying degrees of generality, these papers or panels would help focus the conference or topics historically or currently associated with Latinas/os in Colorado or the West. The idea is to rotate centers within LatCrit discourse, in part by using the annual geographic rotation of the conference to promote awareness of different conditions at different sites. This effort also helps to ensure a built-in means of substantive variety in conference programming from year to year.

3) Papers or panels that explore or elucidate *cross-group histories or experiences* with law and power, such as those based on class, gender, race, sexuality and religion. The idea is to ensure that each conference program, in addition to incorporating intra-Latina/o diversities also contextualizes Latina/o issues in inter-group frameworks.

4) The fourth and final guidepost from the past relates to the preceding one: papers and panels that connect or contrast LatCrit theory to *other genres of scholarship*, and in particular the various strands of outsider jurisprudence (critical race theory, feminist legal theory, queer legal theory) that critique class, gender, race, sexuality and other categories of social-legal identities and relations.

Everyone is encouraged to use these four guideposts, as well as the following considerations, to help draft a proposal, and then to complete the attached Program Proposal form and FAX it back ASAP, and in any event no later than **October 20, 2000**.

Other Program Considerations

In the past, the search for balance within and between each area of substantive LatCrit inquiry has involved a few additional considerations: linking in explicit ways next year's

programming to events or themes from prior years to engender a sense of progression and continuity; combining in panels newcomers and veterans, as well as Latinas/os and non-Latinas/os; featuring papers that reflect interdisciplinary perspectives; including as much as possible in all panels an appreciation for praxis; and gearing the programming as a whole to advance antisubordination goals through theory, coalition and community. As you prepare your response to this Call, please keep these additional program considerations in mind as well.

Timely Response Critical

Keeping all these factors in mind and juggling them effectively in a three-day conference is exceedingly difficult, so conference planners depend on your ideas and timely feedback. Your timely response to this Call for Papers, Panels and Participation therefore is critical. Please take a moment to complete and then FAX back by **October 20, 2000**, the attached Program Suggestions and Feedback form. Thanks for your timeliness!

Location and Facilities

The LatCrit VI conference will convene at the University of Florida Hotel and Conference Center, a self-contained, comfortable and very accessible complex in Gainesville, Florida. The complex is located across the street from the University of Florida's Harn Museum and Natural History Museum, and just a short walk from Lake Alice with lovely trails available throughout the University Campus. The facilities at the Conference Center are not only brand new, but excellent - we have a large room for our general sessions as well as smaller break-out rooms, all in close proximity. There are also wonderful exercise and recreational facilities, including a heated pool. The facilities, services, and amenities are wonderful, and, extraordinarily affordable.

There is a regional airport right in Gainesville. However, for those who prefer direct connections, you can fly into Jacksonville, Orlando, or Tampa and be only approximately one and one-half hour's drive away via fast, scenic, and easy interstate highways either by shuttle or by car rental. We will send you more detailed information about location, facilities, and travel logistics early in the spring semester, but you can check out the Conference Center website now, or at your convenience, by visiting www.ufhotel.com.

As usual, the conference will begin mid-afternoon on Thursday, **April 26, 2001** and conclude with Saturday's banquet. However, there will be a preliminary planning session for LatCrit VII following breakfast on Sunday. Please make your advance travel plans to arrive at the Conference Center by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, **April 26, 2001** and try to stay on-site until noon-time for the planning session on Sunday, **April 29, 2001**.

LatCrit V Thanks!!!!!!!!!!

Finally thanks to all of you, the sponsors, and the LatCrit V planning committee for bringing us all together at Breckenridge last May. Your evaluation forms and informal feedback indicate that last year's conference was a great success. Please look for the

LatCrit V conference proceedings in the forthcoming symposium of the University of Denver Law Review.

LatCrit VI

PROGRAM PROPOSAL FORM

DUE DATE: Friday, October 20, 2000

Please complete this form and FAX it back to Berta Esperanza Hernández-Truyol at 352-392-3005 ASAP, and by October 20, 2000. Please use additional sheets if necessary. Please be timely! Thanks!

Name: _____

School: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

_____ Yes, I plan to attend LatCrit VI (April 26-29, 2001) and want to participate as:

_____ Panelist/Presenter (give title and describe topic/paper below).

_____ Commentator Following Panel Presentations (give title and describe topic/paper below).

_____ Panel Moderator or Roundtable Facilitator (give title and describe topic/paper below).

_____ Present Work-in-Progress for Discussion/Feedback (give title and describe topic/paper below).

_____ Read and Comment on Works-in-Progress (specify areas of interest below).

PAPER IDEAS/SUBSTANTIVE INTERESTS:

Please give a title and describe briefly the topic of your presentation, paper or work-in-progress. If you want to read and comment on works-in-progress covering particular areas or topics, please describe them here.

PANEL IDEAS AND OTHER SUGGESTIONS:

Whether or not you plan to attend, please use the remainder of this space (or additional sheets) to share suggestions regarding panels for the program and potential speakers, or any other kind of proposal or suggestion. Please feel free to propose a panel that you organize directly. For speakers, please provide sufficient information to enable direct contact.

FINAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SIXTH ANNUAL LATCRIT CONFERENCE

"LATCRIT VI"

**Latinas/os and the Americas:
Centering North-South Frameworks in LatCrit Theory**

April 26 29, 2001

**University of Florida Hotel & Conference Center
Gainesville, Florida**
Presented By Latina and Latino Critical Legal Theory, Inc.

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THURSDAY, April 26, 2001

All events at the University of Florida Hotel & Conference Center

Noon - open: Conference and Hotel Registration

**4:00 5:15: Welcome Reception: Refreshments and Munchies--Pre-function Area
(Outside the Ballrooms)**

5:30 6:45: Opening Roundtable Discussion--Century Ballroom B & C

*Encountering Latin America: Exploring the Parameters and Relevance of LatCrit
Theory In and Through a Regional Rotation*

Moderator: Frank Valdés

Discussants: Liliana Obregón, Hugo Rojas, Mauricio García Villegas

Commentators: Jerome Culp, Leslie Espinoza, Adrien Wing

7:00-9:00: Dinner, Opening Remarks & Keynote--Century Ballroom A

Introduction: Berta E. Hernández-Truyol

Welcoming Remarks: Dean Jon L. Mills, University of Florida Levin College of Law

KEYNOTE

Introduction: Berta E. Hernández-Truyol

Speaker: Beverly Greene, PhD, ABPP

*Topic: Internalized Racism and Heterosexism among African-Americans: The
Connection Between Parallel Oppressions*

9:15-10:00: Multimedia Presentation--Century Ballroom A

Rosie Gordon-Wallace, Director/Curator of the Diaspora Vibe Gallery
Multimedia Presentation of Caribbean Artists

FRIDAY, April 27, 2001

All events at the University of Florida Hotel & Conference Center

7:30-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast--Century Ballroom A

8:30-10:15: Plenary Panel One--Century Ballroom B & C

Implications of Indigenous Activism

Panelists: Ariel Dulitzki, Camille Nelson, Susan Scafidi, Ofelia Schutte
Moderator/Commentator: Stephanie Wildman

10:30-11:45: Concurrent Panels 1-4 (See Schedule, Appended Below)

12:00-1:15: Lunch & Keynote--Century Ballroom B & C

Introduction: Jane Larson

Speaker: Boaventura de Sousa Santos

Topic: "Nuestra América: Reinventing a Subaltern Paradigm of Equality and Difference"

1:15-2:30 Works in Progress (Pre-Function Area)

2:45-4:00 Concurrent Workshops (See Schedule, Appended Below)

4:00-5:00 Free Time

(Visit to Harn Museum Exhibit: *Spirits of the Cloth*; breakout discussion with the Coalition for Immokalee Workers).

5:00-6:45 Plenary Panel Two--Century Ballroom B & C

Comparative and Co-Constitutive Constructions of Identity

Panelists: Angela Harris, Ratna Kapur, Iván Pérez, Nancy Ota

Moderator/Commentator: Elvia Arriola

7:00-9:30 Dinner & Multimedia Presentation--Century Ballroom A

Introduction: Kenneth Nunn

Speaker: Patricia Hilliard-Nunn

*Topic: **The Hair Thing: From Barbie to Queen Ty***

Multimedia Presentation: Screening of *Hairpiece, A Film For Nappy Headed People*

SATURDAY, April 28, 2001

All events at the University of Florida Levin College of Law

ATTENTION: The Conference is moving to Law School for the day.

A bus will be available to shuttle conference participants from the Hotel & Conference Center to the College of Law.

7:30-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast--Cafeteria

8:30-10:15 Plenary Panel Three--Room 297

Immigrations, Migrations and Citizenships

Panelists: Rubén García, Milagros Peña, Desta Meghoo, Víctor Romero

Moderator/Commentator: George Martinez

10:30-11:45 Concurrent Panels 5-8 (See Schedule, Appended below)

12:00-1:15 Lunch & Keynote--Cafeteria

Introduction: Sharon E. Rush

Speaker: Joe Feagin

Topic: Anti-Latina/o Racism: Historical Contexts and Current Realities

1:15-2:15 MID-AFTERNOON BREAK

Free/Discretionary/Recreational/Caucusing Time

2:15-4:00 Plenary Panel Four--Room 297

Coalition, Democracy and Community

Panelists: Larry Catá-Backer, Maria Luisa Beltrarena, Denise Da Silva, Byron Real

Moderator/Commentator: Guadalupe Luna

4:15-6:00 Closing Roundtable--Room 297

Economic Inequality in the North/South Perspective

Moderator: Jean Stefancic

Panelists: Penny Andrews, Claire Moore Dickerson, Carmen Gonzalez, Darren Hutchinson, Jane Larson, Ellen Pader, Marianne Schmink

Commentator: Richard Delgado

6:00-7:00 LATE AFTERNOON BREAK

7:00-10:30 p.m. Dinner & Concluding Remarks

Dinner Party at the home of Berta & Meika (Bus transportation will be available).

Concluding Remarks: Steve Bender: *Looking Forward to LatCrit VII at the University of Oregon*

SUNDAY, May 7, 2001

All events at the University of Florida Hotel & Conference Center

7:30-9:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet (At the Hotel Buffet, with tickets)

9:30-11:00 Preliminary Planning Session for LatCrit VII and future conferences

Steve Bender-Facilitator

11:00-1:00 Lunch [on your own]

**LatCrit VI
CONCURRENT EVENTS**

A. CONCURRENT PANELS 1-4: Friday, April 27th, 10:30-11:45

At the UF Hotel & Conference Center

1. LatCritical Perspectives on Political Economy--Hickory Room

Moderator: Lisa Iglesias

Presenters: Margalynne Armstrong, Charles Pouncy, Daria Roithmeyer

2. Interrogating Indigenous and Mestiza/o Identities and their Sources--Azalea Room

Moderator: Christine Zuni Cruz

Presenters: Felipe López, Margaret Montoya , Juan Velasco

3. TWAIL/NAIL: Latin American Legal Theory--Hawthorne Room

Moderator: Diego López

Presenters: Helena Alviar, Jorge Esquirol , Isabel Cristina Jaramillo, Máximo Langer

4. The Latina Body: Violence, Sexuality, and Race--Magnolia Room

Moderator: Nancy Ehrenreich

Presenters: Renee Moreno, Josephine Ross, Guadalupe Vidales

B. CONCURRENT PANELS 5-8: Saturday, April 28th, 10:30 11:45

At the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law

5. Puerto Rico: Cultural Nation, American Colony--Room 190-C

Moderator/Presenter: Pedro A. Malavet

Presenters: Sylvia Lazos-Vargas, Ediberto Román , Charles Venator-Santiago

6. Cubans Without Borders--Faculty Dining Room

Moderator: Alice Abreu

Presenters: Berta E. Hernández-Truyol, Jesús Jambrina, Myra Mendible, Ana Otero, Yvonne Tamayo

7. Race and Nation--Room 190-B

Moderator: Tayyab Mahmud

Presenters: Cecilia Martinez, Ed Morgan, Edén Torres

8. Racial Profiling and MultiRacial Citizenship

Moderator: Robert Westley

Presenters: Frank Rudy Cooper, Kevin R. Johnson, Mary Romero

C. WORKSHOPS: Friday, April 27, 2:45-4:00

At the UF Hotel & Conference Center

1. Teaching Race:--Hickory Room

Facilitator: Jean Stefancic

Presenters: Juan Perea, Richard Delgado

Participants: The Audience

2. Florida History of Race:--Hawthorne Room

Facilitator: Betty Taylor

Presenters: Christina Prkic, Greg Asbed & Lucas Benítez, Elsbeth Gordon

Participants: The Audience

3. Spain Colloquium--Azalea

Facilitator: Lillian Manzor

Presenters: Ignancio Forcada Barona, Manuel Caro, Angeles Garzón Morales

Participants: The Audience

D. CONCURRENT WORKS-IN-PROGRESS FEEDBACK GROUPS:

Friday April 27, 1:15-2:30

This year LatCrit is pleased to present a concurrent session of four exciting Works in Progress (WIP). In each WIP, following a presentation by the author, two commentators will address the paper in a critical and constructive fashion, highlighting its contribution and ramifications and posing questions they find the paper to raise. After a brief response from the author, the discussion will expand to include the audience for the balance of the concurrent session. Although conference participants will only be able to attend one session, all of the papers will be available before the conference.

Presenter(s) & Title: Alejandro Covarrubias & Anita Tijerina Revilla--Azalea
Agencies of Transformational Resistance

Commenters: TBA

Presenter(s) & Title: David Cruz--Hickory
"Nature" Worship: Disestablishing the Religion of Gender

Commenters: Sharon E. Rush, Frank Valdes

Presenter(s) & Title: Alfredo Mirandé--Hawthorne
The "Mexican Exception" to the Fourth Amendment

Commenters: Kenneth Nunn, Christopher Slobogin

Presenter(s) & Title: Leti Volpp--Magnolia
Dependent Citizens and Marital Expatriates: The Intersection of Race and Gender in the Historical Structuring of U.S. Citizenship

Commenters: Lisa Iglesias

February 21, 2001

TO: LatCrit Scholars, Friends, Communities

FR: LatCrit VI Planning Committee

RE: TIME SENSITIVE - REGISTRATION FOR LATCRIT VI!

Saludos, amigas y amigos!

We are writing to invite you (and other interested members of your faculty) to attend the **Sixth Annual LatCrit Conference**, which will take place in Gainesville, Florida at the University of Florida Hotel & Conference Center on April 26-29, 2001. As you may recall from prior mailings, LatCrit theory was initiated as a distinct discourse within critical legal theory at a Colloquium of Latina/o law professors during the 1995 Annual Meeting of the Hispanic National Bar Association. That Colloquium produced the momentum for the planning of regular gatherings to foster a legal discourse that centers Latinas/os but also relates Latina/o experiences to those of other groups. Since then, LatCrit colloquia and conferences have produced an impressive and expanding series of published law review symposia. We are pleased to aid the continuing development of this newest intervention in critical legal scholarship, and hope you will find this cover letter and enclosed registration materials helpful. On behalf of the program participants, this year's sponsoring schools, and our law review sponsors, we invite you to LatCrit VI and look forward to seeing you in Gainesville to continue together this important work. As you will see below, the program is better than ever, and the site is positively beautiful - conducive to fun and work. Once again, we have planned for this event to be the perfect way to close your academic year in a stimulating and restorative setting. After reviewing these materials, please send us back your completed LatCrit VI Registration Form ASAP, and **no later than March 30th**; please, also make your separate hotel and travel arrangements well in advance to join us for **Thursday's welcome reception and program kick-off at 4:00 pm on April 26, 2001**. See you there!

PLANNING AHEAD: KEY POINTERS AND THURSDAY'S KICK-OFF

Time, Place, and Travel:

LatCrit VI convenes at **4:00 pm on Thursday, April 26th**, and concludes at **noon on Sunday, April 29th**, with the Preliminary Planning Session for the following year's conference. Please plan your arrival and departure well in advance to join us on Thursday for the welcome reception and program kick-off as well on Sunday morning for the planning session, each of which is described more fully below.

The **University of Florida Hotel & Conference Center** is located in the charming college town of Gainesville, Florida, in North Central Florida. The conference site, a

brand new facility, is very well-equipped with an Olympic length outdoor pool, heated spa, and indoor fitness center. It is perfectly located on the University of Florida campus across from the performing arts and museum complex.

Travel to Gainesville is easy and convenient. As a prime destination facility, our meeting place is easily accessible, you can fly directly into Gainesville and, if you do, free hotel shuttle service is available. However, if you prefer direct (and usually more inexpensive) flights, the University of Florida Conference Center is centrally located near three major airports: Jacksonville (78 miles), Orlando (115 miles), and Tampa (125 miles). Please note that you need to **register for the conference and for the hotel separately**; if you misplace any of the conference forms enclosed here, please download new copies directly from our temporary website at <http://nersp.nerdc.ufl.edu/~malavet> for your timely use.

Registration Basics:

We have reserved a state-of-the-art facility that is beautiful and very attractively priced: **\$99 per night** (flat rate for up to four persons!). Having booked much of the facility for LatCrit VI, we are looking forward to a relaxed and relatively "private" gathering. However, because lodging capacity is limited, the facility may become fully booked prior to the final registration deadline of **March 30, 2001**. We therefore encourage you to make your hotel reservations directly with the University of Florida Hotel & Conference Center at the same time as you return to us your completed LatCrit VI Registration Form and check - as expeditiously as possible. Remember, conference and hotel registration are separate (but simple and easy - see details below). Also, please note that a **Child Care Survey Form is included in this packet**; each parent/interested party must timely complete and return this form so that the organizers may ascertain whether there is a need for this service.

The Program:

This packet additionally includes a Program Schedule and Substantive Program Outline, which in tandem explain the thematic and programmatic organization of the conference. As you will see from the Program Schedule, LatCrit VI encompasses a wide range of program formats designed to maximize both intellectual and social interaction. The Substantive Program Outline explains the intellectual and political vision of the conference in light of the general conference theme, which for this year is **Latinas/os and the Americas: Centering North-South Frameworks in LatCrit Theory**. Please look over these two documents in particular. We hope they will make the conference a better experience for you.

Thursday's Kick-Off: As you will notice in the Schedule and the Outline, we start off on Thursday at 4:00 PM with a hosted welcome reception so that you can relax with friends

and refresh yourself before the formal program commences. The program then begins with a roundtable discussion moderated by **Frank Valdes** on "**Encountering Latin America: Exploring the Parameters and Relevance of LatCrit Theory In and Through a Regional Rotation,**" which brings together for interactive discussion a diverse group of educators and academics from various disciplines and perspectives. These events are followed by a dinner at which conference opening remarks will be followed by a keynote speech. Check out the details in the Program Schedule and Substantive Program Outline and plan ahead to be there: you won't want to miss Thursday's exciting events!

Sunday Morning: Please don't forget the Preliminary Planning Session from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM on Sunday, which concludes the conference and to which everyone is invited. At this session, we reflect on this year's experience and begin planning for the following year's conference. Most importantly, at this session we constitute the planning committee for the following year's conference. This year's session also will include **discussion of mid-to-long-term planning** (see below on future plans). We hope you will join us on Sunday morning for this event and make your departure travel plans accordingly.

THEME AND PROGRAM: DIVERSITY, CONTINUITY, PROGRESSION

Overview: This year's program theme, "**Latinas/os and the Americas: Centering North-South Frameworks in LatCrit Theory**" is designed both to continue past focuses and to begin new explorations of social and legal issues relevant to "Latinas/os" in intergroup and transnational contexts. As in the past, the program pursues its substantive agenda by including presenters with a varied mix of interdisciplinary and inter/intragroup identities in several types of formats. This year, our focus is on the North/South divide. Moreover to accommodate the many terrific program ideas you sent us in response to the Call for Participation, we will have two concurrent time slots that feature workshops and panels. And we again worked into the program two "Mid-Afternoon Breaks" (on Friday and Saturday, respectively) designed to encourage everyone to enjoy the facility's beautiful surroundings through informal recreational activities like hiking, shopping, visiting the Harn Museum, the Museum of Natural History, or strolling around Lake Alice. As usual, the food and ambiance will be fabulous.

Works in Progress: Similarly, we again will feature works-in-progress as an integral aspect of the LatCrit conference; as in the past, we will arrange a few advance readers for each paper as well as have copies of the manuscripts on site so that you may self-select the topic/group of your choice. Because support of scholarship is fundamental to the LatCrit conferences, we hope that you and everyone will pick up a manuscript, review it, and attend one of the concurrent works-in-progress feedback groups.

Continuing the MultiMedia Format: To further enrich the overall mix in the program's formats and activities, we will, again this year have the **Post-Dinner MultiMedia Forum**. These events will feature multimedia presentations carefully themed around the substance of the conference - and, in particular, themed around the events of that day.

A PREVIEW OF THE FUTURE: THE SUNDAY PLANNING SESSION

In the last 2 years we began planning the annual conferences in 2-3-year cycles and incorporated the LatCrit organization. Both of these projects are intended to ensure institutional continuity and to facilitate grant/fundraising efforts for LatCrit conferences and other projects. As a result, we expect to have secured conference sponsorships through LatCrit X by the time we convene in Gainesville this April. During the past year, we also have continued construction of our (temporary) website, which features information about past as well as present and future LatCrit programs and projects. We encourage you to visit our **website** - we have posted the current registration materials to it, which you can download if you need additional copies of these materials. The address is: <http://nersp.nerdc.ufl.edu/~malavet>. As always, this Preliminary Planning Session is open to all registrants; if you are interested in working with us on these or other projects, please plan your departure accordingly and join us (at 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM) on Sunday for this important forward-looking conversation.

SYMPOSIUM AND PUBLICATION: AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATION

As in the past, the proceedings of LatCrit VI will be published as a symposium by the conference sponsors, which this year will produce a symposium in the **University of Florida Law Review**. We invite all registrants to consider writing a short essay inspired by the conference for this symposium, whether or not you are in the formal program. Shortly before the conference, all registrants will receive complete details on the symposium and the publication process in the final registration packet. As always, essays will be **due by August 30th** - plan your summer time in advance so that you can participate in the symposium. Widespread participation in the symposium helps to continue and develop the LatCrit tradition of publishing conference proceedings as a way of memorializing our conversations, our ideals, our progress and our limits, and also as a way of enabling scholars who cannot join us this year to access the basic substance of our gathering and exchanges subsequently. We hope you will accept this invitation to participate in the LatCrit VI symposium.

REGISTRATION DETAILS: HOTEL AND CONFERENCE

General Notes: Please note that you need to **register for the CONFERENCE and for the HOTEL separately**, and that for both timeliness is important.

To Register for the Conference: Simply complete and return the enclosed LatCrit VI Registration Form ASAP and no later than the **final deadline of March 30, 2001**. You may fax the form back to us to advise us of your registration as expeditiously as possible, but you also need to mail us your **conference registration and meals check to: LatCrit c/o Professor Elizabeth Iglesias, University of Miami School of Law, 1311 Miller Dr., Suite G 269, Coral Gables, FL 33146; FAX: 305-234-1588**. Checks should be made payable to "LatCrit." The conference **registration fee is \$295**, and it covers everything during the three days of the conference (except lodging and personal expenses): this fee covers all meals, breaks and snacks, all post-dinner spirits, refreshments and munchies, all conference events and materials, all gratuities and all taxes. Family members, partners, companions, children and other non-registrants are welcome at the conference and can also take advantage of the discounted lodging and meal rates that we have negotiated University of Florida Hotel & Conference Center. If you additionally will need child care, please refer to the enclosed Child Care Survey Form. However, please note that **nonregistrants** who plan to attend the meal events must submit payment to LatCrit of **\$210** per nonregistrant to cover the basic cost of the meals and related expenses. Please refer to the enclosed Summary Instructions that accompany the LatCrit VI Registration Form. If you misplace any of the enclosed materials, including the Registration Form, please visit the (temporary) LatCrit website at <http://nersp.nerdc.ufl.edu/~malavet> and download copies for your convenient use.

To Register with the Hotel:

Contact the University of Florida Hotel and Conference Center directly at 352-371-3600 or call Doubletree's Central Number 1-800-222-tree. To take advantage of the toll-free number you must make your reservation 30 days in advance of the conference and say that you are calling to make reservations for the LatCrit Conference at the University of Florida Hotel & Conference Center. As you will note from the enclosed materials, the lodging expenses are extraordinarily affordable: \$99 per room (flat rate, for up to four persons-a fabulous deal for students). For more information, please refer to the enclosed **Conference, Hotel & Travel Information Sheet** and note additional instructions.

LATCRIT: A GREAT WAY TO CAP YOUR ACADEMIC YEAR

From its inception, LatCrit theory has embraced and exhibited a dual commitment to **scholarship and to community**. The balancing of these two values is reflected annually in part in our choice of meeting place: every year we look for a suitable facility that is self-contained and conducive to varied forms of interaction, including recreational and informal activities. We hope that our discussion of antistatist ideas in a relaxing and restorative social settings will progressively promote an ethic of principle, friendship

and community in LatCrit theory. The annual LatCrit conference is the best way to end the academic year: we gather both to do our joint intellectual work as well as to have fun and develop a vital social community. There simply is no better way to wind down the school year. Check out the enclosed materials: we look forward to seeing you at the **4:00 PM program kick-off on Thursday, April 26th!** Remember to return your completed LatCrit VI Registration Form and registration check, and to make your separate travel and lodging arrangements ASAP! And, remember, if you misplace any conference forms, you can visit our website to download copies for timely and convenient use.

LatCrit VI

CONFERENCE, HOTEL & TRAVEL INFORMATION SHEET

**DEADLINE FOR HOTEL AND CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS
MARCH 30, 2001**

This Information Sheet provides the details necessary for you to register both for the conference hotel as well as for the LatCrit VI conference; please note that registration for the hotel and conference are separate but that the deadline for both registrations is the same **March 30, 2001**. **This deadline is "real"** because our contract with the hotel attaches increased costs for accommodations and related services after that date. After reading this Information Sheet carefully, please follow the relevant instructions to act promptly in meeting this deadline for both registrations.

Hotel Registration:

Hotel reservations and arrangements are made directly with the conference site, which is the University of Florida Hotel & Conference Center (1714 SW 34th Street, Gainesville, Florida 32607.) To make your reservations and payment arrangements call the Reservations Department at 1-800-222-TREE and specify that you are part of the "LatCrit Conference" meeting from April 26-29, 2001. To use this toll free number you must call **30 days** in advance of the conference. Otherwise, but no later than **March 30, 2001**, call the hotel directly at 352-371-3600. You must make you reservations directly with the hotel 20 days in advance of the conference. All rooms will be released by the hotel on April 5, 2001. Please refer to the enclosed hotel brochure.

We have arranged a reduced rate of \$99 per night (for occupancy by up to four persons). Arrangements for doubling-up need to be made directly among conference attendees. **Please note that these group rates are applicable only if you make your hotel reservation by March 30, 2001. To take advantage of this rate, you *MUST contact the hotel directly by March 30th otherwise you will be charged the usual, higher rate and we will be unable to intercede on your behalf.***

Conference Registration:

Registering for the conference is separate from the hotel registration, and should be made directly through the University of Miami School of Law. The conference registration fee

is \$295 per person, and it covers everything during the three days of the conference (except lodging and personal expenses). This fee covers all meals, breaks, and snacks, all post-dinner spirits, refreshments and munchies, all conference events and materials, all gratuities and all taxes. Nonparticipants are very welcome at the Conference, but if they will be joining us for meals must pay a separate meal-only charge of \$210 per person. Please note that this merely covers our costs. Because we must provide detailed meal counts to the conference hotel in advance, we must receive your completed LatCrit VI Advance Registration Form no later than March 30, 2001. **To register for the conference please complete and send the enclosed "LatCrit VI Advance Registration Form" with your check made out to "LatCrit" for \$295 per registrant and \$210 (meals only) for each nonregistrant directly to:**

Professor Elizabeth Iglesias
LatCrit VI Conference
University of Miami School of Law
1311 Miller Drive, Suite G 269
Coral Gables, FL 33146

Please make your check out to "LatCrit" and send it **before March 30th.**

Meals:

As noted above, we have arranged on-site catered meals during the conference. **Please note any special meal requests on your LatCrit VI Advance Registration Form.** Please make sure to return the fully-completed form to us at the University of Miami School of Law by **March 30, 2001.**

Airline Travel:

You can fly directly to Gainesville and if you do, free hotel shuttle service is available by contacting the hotel. However, if you prefer direct, and usually less expensive flights, the University of Florida Conference center is centrally located near the three major airports listed below with directions to the conference site.

Jacksonville (78 miles): Take I-10 west from the I-295 junction for 13 miles to the US 301 interchange. Take US 301 south 49 miles to the SR 24 exit. Take SR 24 southwest 12 miles to the Gainesville City limits. Pass the airport area and take a right on to 39th Avenue. Proceed west on 39th Avenue to the intersection of 39th Avenue and 34th Street. Take a left onto 34th Street and proceed for about 5 miles to the intersection of Hull Road and SW 34th Street. The hotel will be on the right-hand side.

Tampa (125 miles): Take I-275 north to the I-75 junction. Proceed north on I-75 to Exit 75 (Archer Road). Take a right on to Archer Road and proceed 1 mile to the intersection of Archer Road and 34th Street. Take a left onto 34th Street and the hotel will be 3 blocks down on the left-hand side.

Orlando (115 miles): Take the Florida Turnpike north to the merger with I-75. Proceed north on I-75 to Exit 75 (Archer Road). Take a right onto Archer Road and proceed 1 mile to the intersection of Archer Road and 34th Street. Take a left onto 34th Street and the hotel will be 3 blocks down on the left-hand side.

Child Care Services:

Child care services may be provided, though details are pending. At this point we need to know how much interest exists. If you may be interested, please see the enclosed "Childcare Survey" form and complete it by the date indicated.

Student Attendance:

Students are encouraged to attend all LatCrit conferences. To facilitate student attendance, we are happy to waive the conference registration fee for a limited number of student attendees on a case-by-case basis, and depending both on need and available resources. We have arranged with the University of Florida Hotel & Conference Center to allow occupancy of up to four persons in the rooms for the \$99 flat rate which provides an attractive rate for students who can share lodging.

LATCRIT VI ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

!! ADVANCE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 30, 2001 !!

Please make sure to fill out legibly and completely

Use this form for Conference Registration ONLY;
Hotel Registration is separate Contact Hotel Directly or Complete Hotel Reservation Form

***Please make sure to enclose your check for \$295 (per registrant)
Nonparticipants are welcome!!! (please include an additional \$210 for each nonparticipant who will require Conference meals)***

Send your completed form and check (payable to "LatCrit") before March 30th to:

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NONREGISTRANT(S) ACCOMPANYING YOU:

____CHECK HERE FOR NONREGISTRANT VEGETARIAN MEAL PREFERENCE

Remember to Enclose \$295 for each Registrant and \$210 for each Nonregistrant who will be participating in Conference meals.

GENERAL PROGRAM GUIDELINES
SIXTH ANNUAL LATCRIT CONFERENCE

LATCRIT VI

APRIL 26 - 29, 2001

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA HOTEL & CONFERENCE
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

These guidelines are intended to provide all invited participants with a general sense of the formats or concepts relating to the various events of the LatCrit VI program. Please note: these guidelines are provided simply to help orient program participants and to promote overall program cohesion. **Moderators of panels will probably follow up soon with a conference call or other means of communication to assure that all participants are on the same page.** In the meantime, we hope these General Program Guidelines will enable you to better prepare for your participation in this year's program. Thanks!

1. Panel Moderators (both plenary and concurrent)

Moderators are key to any well-conducted panel. The moderator's role is multifaceted. Please: (1) introduce the panel; (2) introduce the panelists; (3) introduce the commentator(s); (4) keep time; (5) moderate the question-and-answer discussion period with the audience.

If you are a panel moderator (either plenary/concurrent) please begin by mentioning the overall title of your panel and speak substantively for 5 minutes about the theme(s) of your panel. During these substantive remarks, moderators are encouraged to express some of their thoughts as well. Then, briefly introduce each presenter by noting either selected professional information or the basic substance of the presentation, or both, depending on the presenter's preference. (Please ascertain in advance how each presenter would like you to introduce her/him.) After the panelists are finished, please invite, encourage and facilitate audience questions and discussion. Please make sure to keep time throughout (refer to other portions of these guidelines for time allotments for presenters and commentators). ***Total allotted time for each panel introduction by its moderator: 10 minutes.***

2. Panel Presentations (both plenary and concurrent)

The panel presentations constitute the bulk of the program, and it therefore is particularly important that panelists become familiar with the Substantive Program Outline that explains the theory behind each panel's composition as well as the overall organization of the program. If you are a presenter or a commentator on a plenary panel, please make

sure to review the Substantive Program Outline carefully to help you prepare a presentation that reflects the theme/purpose/theory of your panel. Please feel free to contact your moderator or other panelists to discuss how each panelist will participate to produce a series of presentations and commentaries that "hang together" well. Even though all moderators are requested to keep time actively, we plead with all presenters to observe their time allocations. ***Total time allotted for each panel presentation/presenter: 15 minutes.***

3. Panel Commentators (applies to plenary panels only)

The commentator's role is to listen carefully to the presentations in order to then thematize them as a set. (Indeed, commentators are specifically encouraged to contact panel presenters in advance to chat with them informally about their intended presentations.) Commentators should use their time to help the audience identify overarching themes, pointing to pending issues or sources of tension, summarizing key insights, and developing areas of convergence or divergence, etc. However, commentators also are strongly encouraged to devote some time to the expression of their own views on the subjects raised by the panel and the presenters. If you are a commentator on a plenary panel, do NOT feel that your role is limited to summarizing or repeating in linear fashion the points made during the presentations; instead, feel free to interject new thoughts on the same general themes or topics. The commentaries ideally will help to initiate and focus audience questions and discussion, which will follow after each panel immediately after the commentators are finished. ***Total allotted time for each panel commentator/commentary: 10 minutes.***

4. Keynotes (both lunch and dinner)

Keynotes are scheduled during lunches and dinners, and will commence toward the conclusion of the meal. The schedule allocates time for meals to permit conversational time prior to the commencement of the keynote talks. Introduction podiums will be provided; additional equipment needs should be mentioned immediately to Pedro Malavet (email: malavet@law.ufl.edu). ***Total allotted time for each keynote speaker: 30 minutes.***

5. Multimedia Events

This new format caps off each evening, after the dinner and/or dinner speaker, with a stimulating video or multimedia presentation. Some of these presentations are interactive, entailing active audience involvement; others will invite audience discussion following. A video projector and screen will be provided; additional equipment needs should be mentioned immediately to Pedro Malavet (email: Malavet@law.ufl.edu). ***Total time allotted for the program: 60 minutes.***

IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT YOUR REGISTRATION FORM/CHECK, PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY!!

SIXTH ANNUAL LATCRIT CONFERENCE

LatCrit VI

April 26 April 29, 2001

**The University of Florida Levin College of Law
Gainesville, Florida**

SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM OUTLINE

***Latinas/os and the Americas:
Centering North-South Frameworks
in LatCrit Theory***

Saludos! This year, the LatCrit Annual Conference will take the long foreshadowed step of affirmatively and self-consciously exploring the links that bind Latina/o Communities in the United States to their homeland societies, cultures and economies and how the impact of such globalization informs an articulation of LatCrit theory and discourse. As many LatCritters have repeatedly commented, the articulation of an inclusive vision of intra-and intergroup justice has for too long been paralyzed by the conflation of citizenship and geography in popular discourse and legal theory. These links help to explain why Latinas/os in the United States constitute transnational groups and communities, typically retaining strong material connections to, and cultural identifications with, their homelands' traditions, issues, concerns, hopes and aspirations. These links, while oftentimes noted in prior LatCrit programs and texts, have yet to be explicitly thematized and explored in a programmatic way; this year, we take up this pending challenge collectively.

The LatCrit VI planning committee has made an affirmative effort to structure the program to center specifically inter-American approaches to social and legal issues. Our hope is to undertake some comparative critical studies of "domestic" issues and their counterparts throughout the Americas, using one or more of the following five lenses or categories which have been employed in prior years' conference themes: (1) Latina/o pan-ethnicity and multiracialism, including intra-Latina/o issues of sameness and difference as well as non-Hispanic Latinas/os, including mestizaje, Indianess and blackness in Latina/o communities and societies; (2) identity religion, culture, gender, sexuality and heteropatriarchy; (3) immigrations, migrations, and citizenships; (4) coalition, democracy, and community; (5) class and economic equity, including trade, labor, and environment. The basic concept is to encourage critical inquiry of these five broad areas in ways that illuminate and elucidate the North-South character of Latina/o transnationality. Underscoring the inter/national nature of LatCrit theory to date, this year's conference planners generally hope to turn the gains and insights of the past five

years toward a better collective understanding of the diverse hemisphere we share: the Americas.

The program promises to be as lively and challenging as the collective process that produced it! We, therefore, enthusiastically invite you to review this Substantive Program Outline and the enclosed Program Schedule for further details. Many thanks, mucho cariño, and we look forward to seeing you at the University of Florida Hotel & Conference Center - hopefully by 4:00 p.m. in time for the program kick-off!!

LatCrit VI: An Overview

Two Roundtables and Four Substantive Plenary Panels

This year the substantive program is organized around the opening and closing roundtables and four interdisciplinary plenary panels, spread across the three-day conference. As described more fully in this substantive outline, these panels include speakers from various disciplines, identity groups and sectors of law and society and address a wide range of substantive concerns.

These four plenary panels also reflect a delicate balance between the need to revisit issues of fundamental and continuing importance to our multiply diverse communities and the need to chart new directions, center particular struggles and integrate new issues and perspectives into evolving LatCrit social justice agendas. Both are crucially important in deepening the theoretical insights and expanding the solidaristic commitments already achieved through the collective discourse and community-building efforts of prior LatCrit conferences.

Keynote Addresses

As in the past, the conference features keynote talks during some of the meals. This year, we will hear from a wide variety of interdisciplinary folks and grass-roots activists.

Two Concurrent Workshops

Because of the enthusiastic responses to our Call for Papers, Panels and Participation from so many of you, we have also (once again) been able to organize three sets of concurrent sessions. One set of concurrent sessions is comprised of two concurrent workshops.

The first workshop will focus on teaching race using the Perea, Delgado, Harris and Wildman book on Race and Races.

The second workshop will focus on the local histories and current issues confronting outsider groups residing in the site of our annual conference. This year's local plenary on *Florida's Issues* bears powerful witness to the value of this practice as a way of

grounding the production of LatCrit theory in a dynamic encounter with local activists and in the particularities of subordination that are organized in and against the specific historical, cultural, economic and political realities that characterize the different geographic regions of this country.

Eight Concurrent Panels

The other two sets of concurrent sessions this year features four concurrent panels each. Like the plenary panels, these concurrent sessions reflect the desire for continued attention to matters of recurring significance and the effort to mark new terrain for anti-subordination critique. The concurrent panels, as indicated more fully in the attached Program Schedule, address issues ranging from continuing LatCrit efforts to engage and incorporate critical perspectives on international and comparative law, to explorations of the current day consequences of Cubans' identities within and outside the patria, Puerto Rico's colonized history, and the political economies of culture, desire and latinas' bodies.

As in prior LatCrit conferences, both the concurrent panels and the concurrent workshops are crucial and integral events that enable conference participants to join in relatively intimate small-group settings to carry forward ideas from prior LatCrit conferences, or from conversations begun in plenary sessions during the conference, or to break new ground that may serve as points of programmatic follow-up in future LatCrit conferences. We hope you will take advantage of, and contribute to, the synergies that are so often produced by the blend of plenary and concurrent programming and so clearly evident in the Symposium proceedings that have resulted from these blends at prior LatCrit conferences.

Works in Progress

Consistent with the LatCrit commitment to promote the production of excellent scholarship, we once again have also worked time into the program for a number of works-in-progress. These works-in-progress will be made available in advance to conference participants in order to maximize the value of the presentation to the author. Be sure to register by March 30th to attend and participate in the work-in-progress session of your choice; as a community of scholars that is deeply invested in the success of each and all, this part of our annual gatherings is a crucial commitment.

Multimedia Events

Finally, again this year the conference organizers have arranged a special treat to inspire your imagination and challenge your conceptual schemata. Conference participants will have an opportunity to participate in a Moderated Multimedia Event.

Thursday's Opening Roundtable

Encountering Latin America: Exploring the Parameters and Relevance of LatCrit Theory In and Through a Regional Rotation

This year the program will kick off on Thursday, April 26, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. with a reception followed by moderated plenary designed to launch an international encounter between LatCrit scholars and activists in the United States and our counterparts in Latin America. The focus of this opening discussion marks a new trajectory for the LatCrit practice of rotating centers, by challenging inherited categories that would otherwise map the world's regions in racial terms. In this inherited framework, the world is divided into racialized regions: Latin America is Hispanic, Africa is Black, Europe and North America are White, and Asia is (no surprise) Asian. By centering Latin America in LatCrit theory, this kick-off discussion seeks to challenge these essentialist constructions. Latin America, like the United States, and indeed, all regions of the world, is multiethnic, multilingual, multicultural, and multiracial. It is inhabited by individuals and groups marked by differences of gender, class, national origin, sexual orientation, and religion, as well as by the historical articulations of white supremacy, colonialism, and the expansion of international capitalist processes and social formations.

Against this background, the opening plenary explores how focusing LatCrit antiessentialist, antisubordination perspectives on the particularities of Latin American realities might inspire new theoretical insights and enable new coalitional possibilities among subordinated groups, both within Latin America and across other regions. How, for example, do questions of group identity and the role of law in the production of inter-group justice map across the realities of ongoing civil war, politicized military institutions, dictatorial cultural traditions, an interconnected church and state, resurgent indigenous nations, imported jurisprudence and civil law systems? How are these realities reflected in the structure and substance of Latin American legal institutions and norms and, with what implications for the process of social transformation? Put differently, what does LatCrit theory have to offer Latin American legal scholars and social activists, and conversely what do they offer LatCrit theory?

This opening plenary seeks to engage these important questions by convoking a diverse group of legal scholars, educators, and social scientists from Colombia, Cuba, Mexico and the United States to share their critical perspectives on the realities confronting Latin America and their relevance to Latinas/os and other outsider groups within the United States. The discussion will be moderated by Frank Valdes, with comments by Jerome Culp and Leslie Espinoza, as well as audience participation. Please make your travel plans well in advance to be present for this important discussion and exchange!

Plenary Panel I: Implications of Indigenous Activism

In our theorizing about identity, U.S. Latinos/as have focused on naming and analyzing the superordinant practices of White culture and examining relations among ourselves (Chicanas/os vis-à-vis Cubanas/os and/or PuertoRiqueZas/os, etc.), as well as our relations to and with other subordinated groups within the US. Moreover, important work has been presented at past LatCrit conferences considering the roots of Latinas/os in the African continent, the African slave trade, and the Asian diaspora. As LatCrits, we are just now exploring the political and economic benefits of a pan-ethnic Latina/o identity

while learning of the complex experiences that both connect and divide the different populations that fit within the Latina/o umbrella.

The rest of the continent is witnessing seismic changes in the struggles associated with ethnic identities. In December, Vicente Fox was swept into office as the first President of Mexico not affiliated with the PRI (Institutionalized Revolutionary Party), partly on the strength of his campaign promises to end the military response to the Zapatista rebellion in Chiapas. The rebellion had begun on January 1, 1994, to coincide with the inauguration of NAFTA and was part of a hemispheric political convulsion in which indigenous peoples were demanding land, resources, and sovereignty. At least eight Latin American nations—Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, and Paraguay—now recognize the ethnic pluralism of their societies by including specific constitutional provisions granting varying degrees of autonomy to the indigenous groups within the national borders.

In Mexico, the Zapatistas, through their ingenious use of the Internet and the communications of Subcomandante Marcos, sought and received the attention of the worldwide media. This rebellion in the jungles of Chiapas was a historic moment in the assertion of indigenous identities as distinct, empowered, vocal and visual. Identity as political strategy and discursive performance was now being practiced by some of the most marginalized peoples in the hemisphere.

This identity, asserted by indigenous peoples, is as distinct from the mestizo/a majority as it is from the criollo/a minority (i.e., the White European elites). Moreover, because the self-advocacy of such peoples has assumed new prominence in national and international venues, their assertions of identity change the structure of the pyramid of racial power / powerlessness in this hemisphere. Latinas/os, also called Ladinás/os in some parts, are designated by many indigenous leaders, such as Rigoberta Menchu, as part of the discriminatory regimes, and hence part of the problem.

What does this hemispheric dialogue and struggle mean for U.S. Latinas/os? How is the Latina/o struggle for voice, vote, and power in the U.S. understood south of our borders? What does this struggle mean for LatCrit theory and practices? What can we learn when such concepts as mestizaje and hybridity are challenged and then revived by Latin American theorists, such as in *Hybrid Cultures* by the Mexican-Argentine Néstor García Canclini? Latin American theorists, such as Román de la Campa, Natividad Gutiérrez, and many others, are drawing on concepts such as performativity, mimicry, and national myths to deepen the understanding of the construction of national identities in Latin America. LatCrit theory can be strengthened and broadened by exploring its links to this new theorizing about the identities that define the various groups in Latinas'/os' countries of origin and that also define ethnicity as a concept and by extension give the "Lat" in LatCrit more specific meanings.

Plenary Panel II: Comparative and Co-Constitutive Constructions of Identity

During the past five years, LatCrit theorists have studied the multidimensional construction of social and legal identities, exploring those identities in both intra-Latina/o and intergroup frameworks and situating our inquiries in "domestic" as well as transnational sociolegal contexts. In doing so, we have repeatedly foregrounded familiarly salient axes of identity and identification, such as race, ethnicity, gender and class as well as other equally relevant constructs, such as religion, sexuality and culture. Through this process, LatCrit theorists have employed antiessentialism as one means of dismantling the interconnected ideologies of subordination that operate through these and other axes of identity. This plenary panel seeks to substantively link the existing LatCrit record on law and identity to these constructs and to broader hemispheric relations and arrangements, both in historical and in contemporary terms. Panelists have been invited to engage themes and questions like:

What has been the impact of organized religion on civil societies in Latin American countries? How has the transplantation of Roman Catholicism influenced past and present Latin American development? Does Liberation Theology provide a viable platform for an expansively antisubordination articulation of religious faith, and are its tenets adaptable or applicable to the varied circumstances that prevail from the North to South poles? How do and how should indigenous religious traditions play a role in Latin American social relations? Do syncretic approaches to European and indigenous traditions provide any tools to help promote the social betterment of marginalized and impoverished communities throughout the hemisphere?

How did "Hispanic" identification become the predominant form of "Latina/o" identity throughout the Americas, eclipsing indigenous, African and Asian roots? Should and can -- the diversity and mestizaje of Latina/o communities be centered and celebrated to promote egalitarian social relations in neocolonial political and economic settings? How has the discourse of "mestizaje" itself been used to normalize existing power relations? How can intergroup coalitions become transnational as well?

Does Latino "machismo" really differ from Anglo conceptions of gender and male-female relations? To what extent do Latin American societies use the "public/private" dichotomy to institutionalize patriarchy, and to what extent do they reflect North American patterns? How do such societies and their legal systems suppress "gender-bending" practices (including practices rooted in ancient indigenous traditions), promote heterosexuality and oppress sexual minorities? How do cultural gender norms and organized religious teachings intersect with other social and legal constructions of sexual desires and unions? How can the revival of indigenous traditions help to erode the continuing prevalence of Euroheteropatriarchy? How can local culture and tradition offer a basis for alternatives without being immunized from critique?

Plenary Panel III: Immigrations, Migrations, & Citizenships

Immigration, migration, and citizenship status combine to socially construct and locate Latinas/os in *comunidades latinas* as well as within the normative *estadounidense*

society. The Alien/Citizen Paradox encapsulates the dilemma posed by Latina/o geography: that diverse U.S. citizens are constructed as a homogeneous group of brown or yellow "foreigners" within the United States. For both groups, foreignness implies a lack of legal status and recognition, and U.S. citizenship is often discounted in favor of constructs of inappropriate, illegal, undesirable immigrations, migrations and border crossings by racialized others. Moreover, many Latinas/os within the U.S. borderlands either are not U.S. citizens or, notwithstanding such citizenship, identify with other nations.

LatCrit theory can assist in understanding the consequences and meanings of multiple nationhoods or homelands. Our theorizing has long recognized the fallacies in a normative, homogenizing construction of diverse panethnic groups. It has also emphasized the citizenship/nationhood divide, as many Latinas/os (such as Mexican-Americans and Puerto Ricans) did not cross a legal frontier to become U.S. citizens. Rather, it was a moving of borders and a transfer of ownership, resulting in U.S. control of newly acquired land, that created new citizenships. Today, with the unstoppable forces of globalization, the *viaje hacia el norte* is redefining citizenships, national loyalties and (legal, political, social, cultural and metaphorical) borders. Even those of us who are U.S. citizens can become exiles from U.S. territory (consider Puerto Ricans), and we are all in many ways cultural and political *aisladas/os* within the United States.

To explore the themes of citizenship, migration, immigration and nationhood, panelists have been encouraged to discuss:

Immigration: "The coming into the country of foreigners for purpose of legal permanent residence." How can LatCrit theory interrogate the meanings and consequences of such immigrations and the attendant anti-immigrant nativism in the United States, Latin America, and other areas around the world? How can LatCrit promote anti-subordination and community-building in light of fractures between Latina/o and majority communities, as well as within Latina/o communities, caused by different waves of immigration (e.g., older Cuban-Americans vs. Marielitas/os; Mexican-Americans vs. Mexicans; or recent Central American immigrants vs. long-standing communities)? How can LatCrit define goals, strategies, and future action by unveiling the disparate treatment of different Latina/o immigrants and other ethnic/racial groups at different periods of U.S. history?

Migration: "Movement from one country or region to another country or region." Despite the myriad (cultural, linguistic, and geographic) border crossings that mark the lives of today's Latinas/os, technology often permits us to maintain close ties with our communities. These constant micro migrations can transform the cultural, economic, political and social geographies of the nations where they occur. Is exile a temporary or a permanent status for some Latinas/os in the United States, who yearn for postcolonial nationhood (Puerto Ricans), post-dictatorial freedom (Cubans), or economic opportunity (colombianas/os, venezolanas/os, etc.)?

Citizenship: "The status of being a citizen, a member of a nation of political community." How can LatCrit theory contribute to a citizenship theory that serves the many cultural, political and legal citizenships found in Latina/o communities? How can LatCrit inform, develop, expand, and transform existing citizenship discourses whether liberal, communitarian, or postcolonial so as to embrace both individual and community needs, desires, and aspirations?

Plenary Panel IV: Coalition, Democracy, & Community

The North-South relationship between Latin America and the United States and Canada historically has been marked by both the aspiration for and the contradiction of interhemispheric coalition, democracy and community. The long history of anti-democratic U.S. government interventions, for example, has been countered in the latter part of the 20th century by efforts to build people-to-people and NGO-based alliances that offer North American political support for democratic social movements in Latin America and vice versa.

In recent years, in particular in the face of globalization, there are new efforts to establish such North-South coalitions to take on issues of economic as well as political democracy. These include campaigns to mobilize the power of the North American consumer market to raise labor and environmental standards in Latin American export markets (e.g., the anti-sweatshop campaigns); demands for inclusion of social justice principles in world trading standards (e.g., the GATT) and free trade agreements (e.g., NAFTA and the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas, now under negotiation); and criticism of the structural adjustment policies promoted by the World Bank and other international financial institutions. In addition, there is growing interest in using international human rights accords to support social justice claims on behalf of individuals in this country, as opposed to just focusing on human rights violations abroad.

Looking both forward and back, what are the prospects for these "coalitions for democracy"? Do they support long-term social emancipation for the people of Latin America? Is a richer understanding of North-South relations likely to shed light upon the operation of social, political and economic structures of power within this country? How can we build further on the recognition that the fate of the Americas is intertwined at all levels of social organization? Are similar or different strategies required in the struggle for economic as well as political democracy? Are these one-way transfers of North American norms for political and economic order, or is there a reciprocal dialogue established by which North American political and economic structures are critiqued and potentially changed? For example, can Latin America help North America face the problems of race, or model the integration of religion in social justice movements, or demonstrate economic empowerment strategies for the poor in the increasingly stratified U.S. economy?

Closing Roundtable: Economic Inequality in North/South Perspective

With last year's workshop, "The Underside of Globalization: LatCrit and Anti-WTO Praxis," we began an interrogation of global issues of inequality and the contributions that international monetary organizations make to economic, environmental and labor injustices throughout the world. This roundtable continues that conversation, with a focus on the importance of North/South alliances in addressing the threat of global capitalism.

If there is a positive side to the recent entry of the World Trade Organization onto the world economic scene, as well as the signing of accords like NAFTA and GATT, it is that they draw attention to the interconnections among nations and peoples in this hemisphere and beyond, and to the ability of global corporate power to transcend national boundaries and transform individual countries' internal practices. With the annual budgets of large corporations far surpassing the GNPs of many countries, the threat of corporate dominance of not only the economies but also the political processes of independent nations is becoming very real. Since the Supreme Court has refused, for the most part, to apply this nation's safety, antidiscrimination, and environmental standards to U.S. companies overseas, the ability of those corporations to avoid our own labor and environmental standards is assured. This combination enormous corporate power and a failure of political will in the United States and other developed nations to curb it (produced no doubt at least in part by corporate influence on the political parties in those nations) raises the spectre of global capitalism on a scale never seen before.

There is no better time than now to address the broader issue of economic inequality in the North/South axis. Vicente Fox, the new president of Mexico, promises to eliminate corruption, encourage economic cooperation, and boost the domestic economy. However, the impact of the sort of opening of borders he promises is yet to be determined. It certainly carries with it not only the promise of reduced immigration restrictions and increased economic prosperity for both Mexico and the United States, but also the threat of environmental degradation and worker exploitation on the Mexican side, and unemployment and evasion of corporate responsibilities in the United States. Crucial questions remain as to how to construct a new, unified North/South economy that attends to issues of economic and social justice rather than merely facilitating corporate greed.

These phenomena raise important practical and theoretical questions for LatCrits. Those questions include:

Given the dramatic wealth differences between the United States and its neighbors to the south, is it even meaningful to talk about free trade in this hemisphere?

How would a strong North/South economic alliance affect global economic forces and players? What is the impact of the rise of global corporate power on the relevance and utility of the nation state? Is the nation state becoming obsolete? Are alternative, equally global, progressive economic institutions necessary to counteract the border-crossing abilities of global capitalism? Or, is political reform the re-taking of national governments currently dominated by corporate power the solution?

LatCrit VI Symposium Submission Guidelines

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SYMPOSIUM SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The Symposium Submission Guidelines outlined below are designed to provide all LatCrit VI attendees with the necessary information to submit a timely essay for publication in the symposium that will be published based on this conference. Although we expect program participants to submit symposium essays, all registrants are invited to do likewise: **whether or not your name appears in the conference program, you are invited to participate in the symposium by submitting an essay** inspired by the conference. The published version of LatCrit conferences is integral to the continuing development of LatCrit and outsider legal discourse; for that reason, we hope you will decide to participate in the LatCrit VI symposium. These Guidelines are designed to permit everyone at LatCrit VI to plan ahead to help foster widespread and diverse participation in the symposium. Please review the following notes carefully.

The LatCrit VI symposium will be published by the conference sponsor, the University of Florida Law Review. This publication follows the Seven previous LatCrit symposia, most of which similarly commemorate and memorialize our prior gatherings. We are pleased to continue this dissemination of LatCrit literature, and urge you to plan your summer to contribute an essay to this symposium **by August 31st**.

This year we plan to audiotape or videotape each major presentation at the LatCrit VI conference. All plenary panelists and keynoters who so desire we will be provided with either a tape or a transcript (depending upon funds availability) of their presentation, to aid in the composition of their written essay.

As before, all submissions to the symposium must be both **in hard copy and on diskette**. Please format your submission in MS Word. The law review editors will be **available to begin working on August 15th**, and have requested that all authors who have completed their essays by that date submit them then. However, the **final due date for submissions is August 31, 2001**, which should be plenty of time in light of the length and nature of the pieces (see below). Please note: **this deadline is final**, and must be taken seriously. **Work received past that date may not be considered for publication.**

It may be helpful to think of this piece as a form of "oral essay" intended to convey the basic sense of the conference to those unable to attend. Due to space limitations, your essay should be **25-35 pages** in length (double-spaced, including footnotes). Your contribution to the symposium should engage and elaborate on comments, observations or exchanges occurring during the conference or issues related to the program. The substantive scope of your contribution can address or extend to any social or legal matter affecting Latina/o and related outsider communities; our main concern is that the symposium essays adopt a critical stance to help elucidate through LatCrit theorizing a viable Latina/o antistatist agenda.

Once you are finished -- ideally by **August 15th** but certainly no later than **August 31st** -- please transmit your essay directly to John Gregory, Editor in Chief of the Law Review at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. Remember: please make sure that you provide the editors both with a hard copy of your essay as well as with a diskette formatted in MS Word. The Law Review will compile all the timely-submitted essays for the law review staff to commence of the editorial process. Thereafter, you will hear directly from the student editors.

This part of the LatCrit VI conference -- the publication of these proceedings -- is key because many ideas and points are raised annually at the conference that may not yet have appeared well developed (or at all) in print. These symposia not only create a substantive and historical record of our gatherings and efforts but also help to nudge along the production of critical knowledge on sociolegal issues of special significance to Latinas/os and other outgroups. Please take the time to ensure that the published version of LatCrit VI is as powerful (or more so) as we hope the live version will be, and please plan ahead now to make sure that you will be able to meet the **August 31, 2001**, deadline after the conclusion of the conference. We look forward to receiving your finalized essay or contribution by the end of August... Thanks!

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AND NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 25th. THANKS!

___ Yes, I realistically expect to contribute an essay within the parameters described in the attached Symposium Submission Guidelines no later than **August 31, 2001**.

___ I intend to try, and hope to contribute a timely essay, but I really don't know.

___ Sorry, but I most likely will not participate in the LatCrit VI symposium.

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