

# SUITE EVENTS: LATCRIT AT AALS

This year, for the first time, LatCrit scholars are hosting a Hospitality Suite during the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) in order to create a space for community events and meetings. The LatCrit Hospitality Suite will be at the Marriott Wardman Hotel, under the name of Frank Valdes. Please call the hotel at 202-328-2000 to get the suite number. This message invites you to all our Suite Events, as described below. Please join us for one and all as your time and tolerance permit!!

## *Thursday, January 2, 2003*

**3:00 – 4:30 PM**

### **Welcome Reception and Informal Discussion, New and Junior Law Teachers**

This event is especially geared both to doctrinal and clinical faculty, and will include discussion of the new “Junior Faculty Development Workshop” that we are inaugurating this year as part of the Eighth Annual LatCrit Conference, May 1-4, 2003 in Cleveland, Ohio. Please also join us to welcome new law teachers, and to help us figure out the best format and content for the new workshop collectively.

**4:30 – 6:00 PM**

### **Meeting of the Conference Planning Committee for “LatCrit VIII”**

Following our discussion of the format and contents for the new Junior Faculty Development Workshop, the Planning Committee for the Eighth Annual LatCrit Conference will meet to finalize program and related details. All participants in the prior discussion are invited to stay for this meeting. Please to join us for this discussion, and to offer your input on the annual conferences more generally.

**6:00 – 7:00 PM**

### **Open Community Reception**

Following the new law teachers’ session and conference planning meeting, we invite you to join us for an Open Community Reception ... come even if only for a moment, before the rush of the AALS annual meeting begins in earnest. And please feel free to bring reprints and other kinds of literature on programs or projects that you think might be of interest to the LatCrit community.

## *Friday, January 3, 2003*

**5:00 – 6:00 PM**

### **Informational Meeting on New or Ongoing Programs and Projects**

This informational meeting recognizes the need to discuss important new programs of general interest to the community that take LatCritical theory and praxis beyond the annual conferences and symposium. Of special note this year are two new programs: (1) the Critical Global Classroom, a study-abroad program in law and social justice geared to students interested in international and comparative law in critical perspective, which we will launch this summer (2003) and (2) the Student Scholar Program, a mentoring vehicle geared to students interested in a teaching career, which we launched this fall (2002). We will discuss both initiatives, and urge you to join us for this exciting update and exchange of ideas.

**6:00 – 7:00 PM**

### **Open Community Forum**

We are taking advantage of the LatCrit Hospitality Suite to initiate the practice of holding an Open Community Forum annually in conjunction with the AALS meeting to facilitate community discussion of current issues that affect us as a community. This year, the discussion will focus on transitions that are facing us both as an organization and community in general and specific terms. In particular, we will discuss transition issues relating to the Co-chairs because Lisa Iglesias is rotating off as LatCrit Co-Chair this year. Please make a special effort to join us for this key community-building conversation.

## *Saturday, January 4, 2003*

**10:00 PM – ???**

### **Open Community Party ... Until Cleveland for LatCrit VIII**

Join us for this final Suite Event, as we prepare to conclude the AALS meeting and to look forward to the LatCrit VIII conference, May 1-4, 2003 ... look for your registration materials in February!