

February 18, 1999

TO: LatCrit Scholars, Friends, Communities

FR: LatCrit IV Planning Committee

**RE: TIME SENSITIVE - REGISTRATION FOR
LATCRIT IV!**

Saludos amigas y amigos!

We are writing to invite you (and other interested members of your faculty) to attend the Fourth Annual LatCrit Conference, which will take place near Lake Tahoe at the Stanford Sierra Conference Center on April 29 - May 2, 1999 to coincide with the Cinco de Mayo weekend. 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 regularized gatherings to foster a legal discourse that centers Latinas/os but also relates the Latina/o condition to that of other groups. Since then, LatCrit colloquia and conferences have produced an impressive and expanding series of published law review symposia.⁽¹⁾ We are pleased to aid the continuing development of this newest intervention in legal scholarship, and hope you will find this cover letter and enclosed registration information helpful. On behalf of the program participants, this year's sponsoring schools, and our law review co-sponsor, we invite you to LatCrit IV and look forward to seeing you at Lake Tahoe to continue jointly this important work.

A Preview of the Future

Before turning to the upcoming conference, we want to apprise you briefly of a fundamental accomplishment: this year we began long-term planning in earnest, and quite successfully. Perhaps most significantly, this year we began planning the annual conference in 2-3 year cycles, and decided to incorporate LatCrit so that we could ensure programmatic continuity and facilitate grant/fundraising efforts for the conference and other projects. For instance, even before this year's LatCrit IV conference commences we can report that we already have secured sponsorship for next year's LatCrit V conference, and that we presently are in discussions regarding LatCrit VI and VII as well. Similarly, the incorporation papers have been drafted and will be filed prior to our gathering this year to create a temporary organizational structure. Most immediately tangible, we have a LatCrit website under construction, which will feature information about past as well as present and future LatCrit programs and projects. This site also is temporary, but we encourage you to visit it because we have posted a copy of these registration materials on it, which you can download if you need additional copies of these materials. The address

is: <http://nersp.nerdc.ufl.edu/~malavet>. These and other future-oriented developments will be discussed during the "Preliminary Planning Session" always scheduled for Sunday morning to focus us as a group on the next year's conference as a way of concluding this year's program. As always, this Preliminary Planning Session is open to all registrants. This year, we hope also to receive your thoughts and suggestions on long-term issues during this session; please plan your air travel to participate in this important forward-looking conversation. Now, here's the information for this year to make sure that you will be there!

General Introduction

LatCrit IV will convene at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 1999 at the Stanford Sierra Conference Center near South Lake Tahoe. This conference facility is a rustic, beautiful self-contained camp set in 20 lakefront acres of natural woods, mountains and trails. The facility contains a main lodge and cabins, which creates varied lodging/roommate possibilities--please review the enclosed LatCrit IV Information Sheet carefully for details.

Because lodging capacity is limited, LatCrit IV may become fully booked prior to the final registration deadline of March 31, 1999. We therefore encourage you to make your plans and to return your completed registration forms as expeditiously as possible. Also, please note that a childcare form is included in this packet; each parent/interested party must timely complete and return this form to avail yourself of this service.

As a prime destination facility, our meeting place is easily accessible. But planning is important, especially to make shuttle connections that take you from the airport to South Lake Tahoe to the conference site. If you choose to arrive at the nearest airport--Reno--you should time your air arrival to allow you to board the "Tahoe Casino Express" that leaves the airport at 7:30 PM for downtown South Lake Tahoe, where you will make the connection to the complimentary Sierra shuttle. The first stop of the Tahoe Casino Express is the Horizon Casino in downtown South Lake Tahoe, where you make the connection to the complimentary Sierra shuttle. To take advantage of the complimentary Sierra shuttle service, you must complete and return directly to the center staff a reservation form advising them of your arrival date and time. Using the enclosed "Sierra Shuttle Request" form, please make timely advance reservations for Sierra shuttle service from South Lake Tahoe to the conference center **directly with the conference center staff.**

Finally, this packet includes a Program Schedule and Substantive Program Outline, which in tandem explain the thematic organization of the conference. We hope they will make the conference a better experience for you. As you will notice, we begin on Thursday at 4 PM with a kick-off moderated focus group discussion and a special opening ceremony based on indigenous spiritual customs, and we hope you will make your advance travel plans to join us then. We think the program, as well as the locale, is terrific, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Registration Details

This year registration for both the conference and the hotel is accomplished with the same form, which must be completed and RECEIVED by us no later than March 31, 1999. We will transmit all completed forms as they arrive to the conference center staff, who will assign rooms (and, if appropriate, roommates) on a first-come, first-served basis. Because the site has a limited number of rooms and cabins, the availability of "single-occupancy" accommodations will depend on overall attendance. To help maximize the capacity of the facility, all registrants may pre-arrange registrant roommates simply by contacting friends and colleagues, and then designating your pre-arranged roommate on the registration form; however, *every* registrant, including those with pre-arranged roommates, must send in their individual registration form with a check for the appropriate amount. The check covers everything: lodging, all meals, breaks and snacks, all conference events and materials, gratuities and taxes. Please note that family members, partners, companions, children and other non-registrants are welcome, but that costs vary for registrant and non-registrant roommates. Please refer to the enclosed Summary Instructions that accompany the LatCrit IV Registration Form for likely common scenarios, and to help you fill in the appropriate boxes on your form and ascertain the correct amount of your registration check. The conference center staff will assign roommates for registrants who select "double-occupancy" on the form but who do not identify a pre-arranged roommate based on the general preferences expressed via the completed registration form.

Thursday's Kick-Off

Every year the conference program features events designed to highlight local issues. This year, we look at California's struggle over equal opportunity in legal education. With Leslie Espinoza as moderator, this focus group discussion opens with a colloquy featuring Rachel Moran and David Oppenheimer and closes with remarks by Cruz Reynoso. The discussants include educators and academics from various disciplines and institutions, as well as community activists, to provide an updated and critical assessment of the struggle in California. We hope to see you there, because the new political climate in California makes it possible to re-engage these issues with new insights and possibilities!

You also should plan to arrive on site by Thursday at 4 PM so that you can participate in the special opening ceremony that follows immediately after the focus group discussion. This spiritual ceremony, by Grupo Mixcoatl, a group of danzantes aztecas, recalls and honors the indigenous roots of Latina/o communities in the California, the United States and globally. It is a living reminder and reclamation of mestizaje in Latina/o communities and the richly mixed traditions of persons that we today call Latinas/os. For more information about danzantes and their cultural significance, please visit <http://www.aguila-blanca.com/history.html>. Following the opening ceremony is the dinner and opening keynote of sociologist Rudy Acuna. For more details, please see the Program Schedule and plan to join us for Thursday's events and post-events nocturna!

Conference Program

This year's program, *Rotating Centers, Expanding Frontiers: LatCrit Theory and Marginal Intersections*, is designed both to continue and to begin critical explorations of social and legal issues relevant to multiply diverse "Latinas/os" in intergroup and transnational frameworks. As in the past, the program pursues its substantive agenda by presenting a varied mix of interdisciplinary and inter/intragroup identities in several types of formats. This year, to accommodate the many terrific program ideas you sent us in response to the Call for Participation, we have introduced two concurrent time slots. And we also worked into the program a "Mid-Afternoon Break" designed to facilitate everyone's ability to enjoy the facility's beautiful surroundings through informal recreational activities like boating and hiking. We also have more works-in-progress than ever before; as in the past, we both will arrange a few advance readers for each paper as well as have copies of the manuscripts available on site so that you and other registrants 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. Finally, don't forget the Sunday morning Preliminary Planning Session, which this year will include both a preliminary discussion of next year's conference as well as exchanges about long-term planning. Please look at the Substantive Program Outline and the Program Schedule for more details.

Symposium and Publication

As in the past, the proceedings of LatCrit IV will be published in symposium form by the conference co-sponsor, which this year is the *U.C. Davis Law Review*. All registrants once again may contribute essays inspired by the conference for publication in this symposium. All essays are due by August 30, 1999, and all registrants will receive complete details on the symposium participation and the publication process in the final registration packet. We hope all registrants will participate in the symposium, whether or not you are in the formal program, to help us continue and develop the LatCrit tradition of publishing conference proceedings as a way of memorializing our gatherings, our work and our ideals and also as a way of enabling scholars who cannot join us this year to access the substance of the conference.

A Great Way to End the Academic Year

From the beginning LatCrit theory has exhibited a dual commitment to scholarship and 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. Progressively, we hope that our discussion of antisubordination ideas in a connected social setting will help to promote an ethic of principle, friendship and community in LatCrit theory. Which is why 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 healthy social community. There is no better way to end the academic year, and we look forward to seeing you at the program kick-off on Thursday, April 29th! Read the enclosed materials carefully, return your completed registration form, and make your advance travel plans ASAP!!!

1. See Colloquium, *Representing Latina/o Communities: Critical Race Theory and Practice*, 9 *La Raza L.J.* 1 (1996); Symposium, *LatCrit Theory: Naming and Launching a New Discourse of Critical Legal Scholarship*, 2 *Harv. Latino L. Rev.* 1 (1997); Colloquium, *International Law, Human Rights and LatCrit Theory*, 28 *U. Miami Inter-Am. L. Rev.* 177 (1997); Symposium, *LatCrit Theory: Latinas/os and the Law*, 85 *Cal. L. Rev.* 1087 (1997), 10 *La Raza L.J.* 1 (1998); Symposium, *Difference, Solidarity and Law: Building Latina/o Communities Through LatCrit Theory*, 19 *UCLA Chicano Latino L. Rev.* 1 (1998); Symposium, *Comparative Latinas/os: Identity, Law and Policy in LatCrit Theory*, 53 *U. Miami L. Rev.* , 4 *U. Tex. Hispanic L.J.* (forthcoming 1999).

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LatCrit IV Information Sheet

for

Hotel & Conference Registration

DEADLINE FOR HOTEL & CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION
IS MARCH 31, 1999

This Information Sheet provides the details necessary for you to register both for the conference and the hotel; please note that the registration deadline for the hotel and the conference is the same - March 31, 1999 - and that registration for both is accomplished by using the same form: the enclosed "LatCrit IV Registration" form. This deadline is "real" because our contract with the Stanford Sierra Conference Center attaches increased costs for accommodations and related services after that date. Registrants should not delay until the deadline because space is limited at the conference center, and based on last year's attendance, the LatCrit IV conference may be fully booked prior to the March 31st deadline. After reading this Information Sheet carefully, please follow the relevant instructions to register as expeditiously as possible. The Planning Committee will not be able to intercede on behalf of untimely registrants, or in the event the conference sells out. Thank you!

Conference Site and Facilities: The Stanford Sierra Conference Center is a rustic and self-contained facility near South Lake Tahoe, located on 20 natural, lakefront acres of woods, trails and mountains. The center consists of a main lodge, which includes meeting and dining rooms, public or recreational facilities, and a few guest rooms. In addition, the center features cabins spread throughout the grounds. In total, the center contains 134 guest rooms and 200 beds, including those of the lodge and those in the cabins. The lodge

has 12 of these guest rooms, each of which has a queen-size bed and a twin-size bed. The cabins are split between 2 and 3 bedroom cabins, each of which includes 1 bedroom with a queen-size bed, with the remaining bedroom(s) having 2 twin-size beds each. The cost and basic size of guest rooms in the lodge and the cabins are the same. Please review the enclosed "Welcome" information sheet of the conference center for more information about the facility.

The conference center's configuration of rooms and beds means that most registrants will have a wide variety of lodging and/or roommate options. However, due to the facility's limited capacity, the availability of "single" occupancy accommodations will depend on overall attendance. We therefore encourage all registrants to consider and make pre-arranged roommate choices with other registrants for "double" occupancy to maximize the facility's lodging capacity.

Please note that costs vary for registrant roommates and non-registrant roommates, such as family members, partners, companions and children. Please refer to the Summary Instructions on the Registration Form for some examples of likely common scenarios, and to help you select the correct boxes on the registration form. **Please also note that "double" occupancy means sharing a *room* with a registrant roommate, whether in the lodge or in a cabin, while the meaning of "single" occupancy may vary: in guest rooms located in the lodge, "single" occupancy means a private room with bath as in a typical hotel; in guest rooms located in the cabins, "single" occupancy means a private room with shared living areas (including bath) and porch.** Please keep this detail in mind when deciding on your plans, and when completing and returning your registration form.

The attached LatCrit IV Registration form invites you to select and designate a registrant roommate (after consulting and pre-arranging it with that person), and provides you with the cost of different possibilities depending on several variables. In every instance, the all-inclusive cost covers your lodging, all meals and snacks/breaks, all conference events, taxes and gratuities. **Please make sure that both you and your pre-arranged registrant roommate register separately for the conference and hotel; ALL registrants must return a completed and timely LatCrit IV Registration form with a check for the appropriate amount, and roommate names should match on the forms returned by both registrants who expect to be roommates.** Non-registrant roommates, such as family members, who accompany registrants need not complete and return a separate registration form, though they do need to be included in the registrant's completed form. As noted above, please remember that "single" occupancy for persons staying in a cabin will mean private occupancy of a bedroom in the cabin; the living areas, bathroom, porch and other "public" areas in cabins are shared. "Double" occupancy of rooms in both the lodge and the cabins signifies sharing the *room* itself with another registrant roommate.

Using the attached LatCrit IV Registration form, please: (1) mark the appropriate box/es, (2) tally the total cost, and (3) send your completed form and check made out to "LatCrit IV" to Pedro Malavet at the University of Florida College of Law,

ASAP, and in time to be RECEIVED no later than March 31st. The complete mailing address, and additional information, are provided on the enclosed LatCrit IV Registration form. Return your completed form ASAP; as we receive completed registration forms, we will forward them to the conference center for room assignments until the facility is sold out. To download additional copies of these materials, visit our temporary website at <http://nersp.nerdc.ufl.edu/~malavet>.

Hotel & Conference Registration: Due to the limited number of rooms/beds in the facility, and based on past attendance numbers, this conference may be fully booked. Everyone therefore is urged to complete and return ASAP the enclosed LatCrit IV Registration form, which allows you to register BOTH for the hotel and the conference. **Because we must provide detailed meal counts to the conference center in advance, we must RECEIVE your completed LatCrit IV Registration Form no later than March 31, 1999.** Due to the possibility of a fully-booked conference, we discourage any expectation of belated or on-site registration, though we will be happy to accommodate on-site and other untimely registrants if the conference is not sold out in advance. Due to the likelihood of a sell-out, our arrangements with the conference center also do not permit us to offer refunds for registrations cancelled after the March 31, 1999 deadline date.

Meals: As noted above, we have arranged on-site catered meals during the conference. The menus are designed to recognize variety of tastes. **However, please note any special meal requests on your LatCrit IV Registration form.** Please make sure to return the fully-completed registration form to Pedro Malavet at the University of Florida College of Law ASAP, and no later than March 31, 1999: we must RECEIVE the completed form by this date.

Travel Overview: All conference attendees must make their own travel arrangements with their preferred air carriers. You should plan to arrive at the nearest airport, Reno Airport, as other regional airports are relatively more distant from our meeting site, the Stanford Sierra Conference Center. From the Reno airport, you will need to take a "Tahoe Casino Express" shuttle into the town of South Lake Tahoe, where you make a connection to the complimentary Sierra shuttle. To make this shuttle connection easily, you should plan your air travel to allow you to board the Tahoe Casino Express at the airport no later than 7:30 PM, which is the last airport shuttle to make the connection to the Sierra complimentary shuttle in South Lake Tahoe. Registrants unable to arrange travel in time to make the 7:30 PM shuttle departure from the airport still may take the Tahoe Casino Express into town, and from there take taxis to the conference center. Car rentals are available at all airports, and free parking is available at the conference center. Return complimentary shuttles from the conference center to South Lake Tahoe must be arranged with the conference center staff upon arrival at the facility. Please read the details provided in the attached "Transportation Guide Sheet" for shuttle schedules and contact information, for driving instructions from various parts of California, and for car rental telephone numbers at Reno airport. **And consult your travel agent promptly for best arrival times and advance fares!**

Sierra Shuttle Advance Reservations: The complimentary Sierra shuttles from the town of South Lake Tahoe to the conference site (see above) must be pre-arranged by each registrant directly with the conference center staff. To do so, simply fill in and FAX directly to the Stanford Sierra Conference Center the enclosed "Sierra Shuttle Request" form. **Please note that the center staff must receive your completed request form at least one week prior to your arrival, and that the FINAL date for making advance Sierra shuttle reservations is April 21, 1999.** The Planning Committee has no control over this deadline, and cannot intercede on behalf of untimely shuttle reservations.

Child Care Services: Child care services will be provided, though details are pending. At this point, we need to know how much need and interest exists among likely registrants. If you may be interested, please see the enclosed "Childcare Survey" form and complete it by the date indicated. **Please note that parents/interested parties need to send to Laura Gomez their responses to the Childcare Survey form by FAX or regular mail ASAP and no later than March 15, 1999.** For more information contact Laura Gomez directly via email at: *gomez@law.ucla.edu*.

Student Attendance: Students are encouraged to attend all LatCrit conferences. To facilitate student attendance, we are happy to help with the costs of room and board for a limited number of student attendees on a case-by-case basis, and depending both on need and available resources. However, arrangements for travel remain the responsibility of individual attendees. Please contact Frank Valdes at the University of Miami School of Law for more information.

**!! BRING YOUR THINKING CAPS...
AND YOUR BOATING-MOUNTAIN GEAR, TOO !!**

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Summary Instructions for Registration

Please complete and mail the LatCrit IV Registration Form that appears on the reverse side of these Summary Instructions to Pedro Malavet ASAP. We must RECEIVE it by March 31, 1999. These Summary Instructions are intended to help you fill in the appropriate boxes on that Registration Form. If you have any questions about these Summary Instructions, please refer to the enclosed Information Sheet, which provides more detail.

1. Please type or write legibly.
2. Please fill-in completely, depending on your situation regarding registrant roommates and/or non-registrant family, companions, children, etc. (see below).
3. Please make sure to enclose your check for the correct amount, depending on your situation (see below).
4. Make sure to send the completed form and check in time for Pedro Malavet to receive it at the University of Florida College of Law by March 31, 1999.
5. If you need extra copies of this form, please download them from our temporary website (please see the LatCrit IV Information Sheet for address and more details).

Because this year our meeting place presents different types of lodging possibilities (the main lodge v. cabins) and because costs for non-registrants and registrants vary, we offer below the most likely lodging scenarios to help you fill in the appropriate boxes and ascertain the correct amount of your check:

Registrants with Pre-Arranged NonRegistrant Roommates: Registrants who share a room with family members, companions, children and other non-registrant roommates are supposed to register as a "single" and then add the additional costs for the non-

registrants who are accompanying/staying with you. Each registrant with non-registrant roommates should send in one check based on "single" occupancy rates and additional costs for the total amount of your party.

Registrants with Pre-Arranged Registrant Roommates: Registrants who pre-arrange to share a room with another registrant are supposed to register as a "double" and then each registrant roommate should complete a separate form in which each names the other as their registrant roommate. Each such registrant should send in a check based on "double" occupancy rates with their respective, separate forms.

Registrants who Want and Request Registrant Roommates: Registrants who wish to share a room with another registrant and state so on their forms but do not name a specific pre-arranged roommate should register as a "double" and then the conference center staff will assign you a registrant roommate. Each such registrant should send in a check based on "double" occupancy rates with their completed registration forms.

In addition, please remember that "single" occupancy in the guest rooms located in the main lodge signifies a private room and bath whereas "single" occupancy in the guest rooms located in the cabins signifies a private room with shared living quarters (including bathroom) and porch. "Double" occupancy signifies a shared room and bath, whether in the main lodge or the cabins. For more detail, please review the enclosed LatCrit IV Information Sheet. Please make sure to mark the correct boxes, and return your completed registration form (see reverse side of this sheet) with your check in time for Pedro Malavet to RECEIVE it by March 31, 1999!

LatCrit IV Registration Form - Due Date: March 31, 1999

**To: Prof. Pedro Malavet - University of Florida College of Law
PO Box 117625 - Gainesville, FL 32611 - Fax: (352) 392-3005**

Name	.	Phone	.
School	.	Fax	.
Address	.	Email	.
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Make Checks Payable to "LATCRIT"

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	Arrival Date (check one)	Registrants: "Single" Occ.	.		.
	Thursday, April 29	1 Night	\$ 275.00		.
	Friday, April 30	2 Nights	\$ 455.00		.
	Saturday, May 1	3 Nights	\$ 595.00		.
	Departure Date (check one)	Registrants: "Double" Occ.	.		.
	Friday, April 30	1 Night	\$ 225.00		.
	Saturday, May 1	2 Nights	\$ 385.00		.
	Sunday, May 2	3 Nights	\$525.00		.
	Location Preference (check one)	Students: "Single" Occ.	.		.
	Subject to Availability	1 Night	\$ 175.00		.
	Lodge	2 Nights	\$ 345.00		.
	Cabins	3 Nights	\$ 500.00		.
	Pre-Arranged Roommates (check as appropriate)	Students: "Double" Occ.	.		.
	Registrant Adult	1 Night	\$ 145.00		.
	Non-Registrant Adult	2 Nights	\$ 295.00		.
	Other (specify):	3 Nights	\$ 435.00		.
	Name of Your Pre-Arranged REGISTRANT Roommate (do not name non-registrants)	Non-Registrant Adults (per)	.	Number of Non-Registrants and Children	.
		1 Night	\$ 70.00		.
	Vegetarian Meals (check if yes)	2 Nights	\$ 140.00		.

.	.	3 Nights	\$ 210.00	.	.
.	Roommate Assignment Needed (check as appropriate)	Children 3-18 (per)	.	.	.
.	Female	1 Night	\$ 40.00	.	.
.	Male	2 Nights	\$ 80.00	.	.
.	No Preference	3 Nights	\$ 120.00	.	.
.	.			TOTAL	\$

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TRANSPORTATION GUIDE SHEET

The Stanford Sierra Conference Center is a beautiful, rustic destination facility that attracts groups from all over the country and world. Access is easy. There are several ways of getting there. Please review this Transportation Guide Sheet carefully and make the decision that is best for you.

Please note that the conference center runs a FREE (to you) shuttle service for which **YOU MUST MAKE ADVANCE RESERVATIONS** both when arriving and departing. **Your arriving reservation for a complimentary Sierra shuttle must be made directly with the Conference Center at least one week before your date of arrival. If you miss this deadline, the conference planners will not be able to intercede on your behalf. Please use the Sierra Shuttle Request Form attached at the end of this Guide Sheet to timely FAX (or mail) your arriving shuttle reservation directly to the conference center staff.** When you arrive at the conference center, please remember to make your departing shuttle reservation. Remember, the shuttle reservations, both coming and going, need to be worked out directly with the conference center in a timely manner!

Airport Transportation:

Reno Airport is the nearest point of air arrival, although other nearby airports include San Francisco, Oakland, and Sacramento. Driving instructions for all nearby airports (as well as from Southern California) are noted below. Registrants arriving via Reno can choose to rent a car (see list of agencies below) or ride the Tahoe Casino Express shuttle to its first stop, the Horizon Casino in the town of South Lake Tahoe (fare: \$17 per person one way or \$32 roundtrip). There, you can be met by Stanford Sierra's complimentary shuttle **if you make timely advance arrangements (see below).**

Because Reno is the nearest airport, the Stanford Sierra Conference Center operates a shuttle from downtown South Lake Tahoe to the conference center, which is available without charge to all LatCrit registrants who arrive at/depart from the Reno airport. To reach the complimentary Sierra shuttle, you may take a cab or the "Tahoe Casino Express" from the Reno airport to its first stop, in the town of South Lake Tahoe, where

you make the connection to the complimentary Sierra shuttle at the Horizon Casino. **Please note that, to make this connection between the two shuttles in South Lake Tahoe, you must arrive at the Reno airport in time to board the Tahoe Casino Express that leaves the Reno airport at 7:30 PM. Therefore, air arrivals should be planned to allow you to reach the Tahoe Casino Express stop at the Reno airport prior to 7:30 PM.** Registrants arriving at other times may take the Tahoe Casino Express into South Lake Tahoe and then take a cab from there to the conference center (see below).

The Tahoe Casino Express shuttle schedule to the Horizon Casino stop in South Lake Tahoe (where you then connect with the complimentary Sierra shuttle) is as follows:

Departs Reno Airport	Arrives S. Lake Tahoe
6:15 am	8:00 am
8:15 am	10:00 am
9:15 am	11:00 am
10:15 am	12:00 am
11:15 am	1:00 am
12:15 pm	2:00 pm
1:15 pm	3:00 pm
2:15 pm	4:00pm
3:15 pm	5:00 pm
5:30 pm	7:15 pm
7:30 pm	9:15 pm
9:30 pm*	11:15 pm*
10:30 pm*	12:15 pm*
12:30 am*	2:15 am*

Important Note: Airport shuttles marked with an asterisk (*) arrive in South Lake Tahoe too late for the connection to Stanford Sierra's courtesy shuttle. During these times, registrants should take the Tahoe Casino Express from the Reno airport into South Lake Tahoe, and then take a taxi to the Stanford Sierra Conference Center. Cab fare is roughly \$25.00.

Return shuttles from the conference center to downtown South Lake Tahoe also are available without charge. The Stanford Sierra Conference Center offers these complimentary return shuttle trips on the last day of the conference only (Sunday). **When you arrive at the conference center, be sure to sign up for a departing shuttle.** If you plan or need to depart prior to Sunday, May 2nd, please consult with the center staff to ascertain the best arrangements for you.

For more information regarding the Tahoe Casino Express shuttle from the Reno airport to the Horizon Casino in the town of South Lake Tahoe, please call the shuttle service directly at 800-446-6128.

Please remember that: you must notify Stanford Sierra Conference center of shuttle service requests at least one week in advance of arrival date. The conference center does not have continuous daily service; to pre-arrange service, you MUST complete the "Sierra Shuttle Request Form" attached to the end of this Guide Sheet and FAX or mail it **DIRECTLY TO THE CONFERENCE CENTER so that they receive it at least one week prior to your arrival date.** You also may use the on-line form posted on the Sierra web site, at:
(http://sunsite.stanford.org/SOLAR/saa/SierraCamp/Pages/sierra_transportation.shtml).
The on-line form may be submitted electronically.

Also please remember that: To make the connection between the Tahoe Casino Express shuttle and the complimentary Sierra shuttle in downtown South Lake Tahoe, you must arrive at the Reno airport in time to catch the 7:30 PM Tahoe Casino Express shuttle at the airport. Otherwise, you will need to rent a car (see below), or take a cab from South Lake Tahoe to the conference center (see above), or make your own alternative arrangements. Please make your travel plans accordingly.

Driving information:

From Sacramento. Take Highway 50 to South Lake Tahoe. Stay on Highway 50 into South Lake Tahoe (approximately 2 hours). At the second stoplight, follow the signs to Highway 89 (straight through stoplight). Continue on Highway 89 pass Camp Richardson (approximately 4 miles). Look to the left for a forest service sign stating "Fallen Leaf Road" and turn left (road is located across from Forest Service "Visitor Center" sign). Follow road 5 miles till you reach a small bridge on the right. Cross over the bridge and enter Stanford Sierra Conference Center. Continue on the road to the main lodge and follow the office signs up a small hill on the left. Total travel time is about 2 hours.

From San Francisco/Oakland. Take Interstate 80 East to Sacramento. In Sacramento, follow signs to Highway 50 to South Lake Tahoe. See Sacramento directions for continued description. Total travel time is approximately 4.5 hours.

From Reno. Take 395 South to Carson City. Continue through Carson City to Highway 50 (Spoooner Summit). Be certain to look for the sign to South Lake Tahoe just as you leave Carson City. There is an earlier exit to Lake Tahoe which you do not want. Continue on Highway 50 through the city of South Lake Tahoe (go through casino area and continue approximately 12-15 miles). You will come to the largest intersection known as the "Y" (Factory Outlet Stores on the left). Turn right and follow the signs to Highway 89. Continue on Highway 89 pass Camp Richardson (approximately 4 miles). Look to the left for a forest service sign stating "Fallen Leaf Road" and turn left (road is located across from Forest Service "Visitor Center" sign). Follow road 5 miles till you reach a small bridge on the right. Cross over the bridge and enter Stanford Sierra Conference Center. Continue on the road to the main lodge and follow the office signs up a small hill on the left. Total travel time is approximately 2 hours.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE⁽¹⁾

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THURSDAY, April 29, 1999

All events at the Stanford Sierra Conference Center; Room locations in brackets [TBA]

1:30 p.m. - open Conference and Hotel Registration

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2:45-3:45 Hosted Informal Welcome Reception: Refreshments and Munchies

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4:00 **The Program Begins**

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Call to Order: Bob Chang

4:00-6:30 **Moderated Focus Group Discussion**

[] ***We Won't Go Back!: Reclaiming Equal Opportunity for Latinas/os and Others in Legal Education***

Moderator: Leslie Espinoza

Colloquy: Rachel Moran & David Oppenheimer

Discussants: Margalynne Armstrong, Barbara Cox, Jerome Culp, Lilian Galedo,* Neal Gotanda, Marti Jimenez,* Francisco Loboco, Leo Martinez, Maria Santos, Julie Su

Commentator: Cruz Reynoso

6:45-7:15 **Opening Ceremony:**

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Introduction: Francisco Duran

Ceremony: Grupo Mixcoatl, *Danzantes Aztecas*

7:30-9:15 **Dinner, Opening Remarks & Keynote**

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Opening Remarks: Frank Valdes

Keynote

Introduction: Mary Romero

Speaker: Rudy Acuna

Topic: *Sometimes There is No Other Side: Antidiscrimination Law as the Last Defense in the Fight for Social and Legal Equity*

9:30-???? Parties/Rest/Relaxation!

FRIDAY, April 30, 1999

All events at the Stanford Sierra Conference Center; Room locations in brackets [TBA]

8:00-9:00 a.m. Hosted Buffet: Light Continental Breakfast

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9:00-10:45 **Plenary Panel One**

[] ***Centering Class: Farmworkers, Land and Agribusiness***

Moderator: Sean Scott

Panelists: Chris Cameron, Maria Ontiveros, Bill Tamayo

Commentators: Marion Crane & Rebecca Schleifer

11:00-12:30 Concurrent Panels (Appended)

12:45-2:00 **Lunch & Keynote Speaker**

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Keynote

Introduction: Rudy Busto

Speaker: Tomas Almaguer

Topic: *Border Men: Masculinities, Homosexualities, and Chicano Gay Men in the San Francisco Bay Area*

2:00-4:00 **MID-AFTERNOON BREAK**

Free/Discretionary/Recreational/Spontaneous Caucusing Time

4:00-5:45 **Plenary Panel Two**

[] *Mestizaje, Identity and the Power of Law in Historical Context: LatCrit Perspectives*

Moderator: Laura Gomez

Panelists: Estevan Rael y Galvez, Juan Perea, Leti Volpp

Commentators: Sherene Razack & Kevin Johnson

6:00-7:00 Concurrent Workshops, Roundtables, Talking Circles (Appended)

7:00-7:30 Unhosted Reception: Spirits and Beverages

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7:30-9:15 p.m. **Banquet, Welcome Remarks & Keynote Speaker**

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Welcome Remarks

Introduction: Kevin Johnson

Speaker: Dean Rex R. Perschbacher,

University of California at Davis, School of Law

Keynote

Introduction: Dorothy Roberts

Speaker: Greg Stewart, General Counsel, EEOC

Topic: *LatCrit Theory in Practice: A View from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)*

9:30-???? Parties/Rest/Relaxation

SATURDAY, May 1, 1999

All events at Stanford Sierra Conference Center; Room locations in brackets [TBA]

8:00-9:00 a.m. Hosted Buffet: Light Continental Breakfast

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9:00-10:45 **Plenary Panel Three**

[] ***Literature and Arts as Antisubordination Praxis: LatCrit Theory and Cultural Production***

Moderator: Pedro Malavet

Panelists: Nick Gunia, Sharon Hom, [TBA]

Commentators: Elvia Arriola & Adrienne Davis

11:00-12:15 Concurrent Works-in-Progress Feedback Groups [TBA]

12:30-1:45 **Lunch & Keynote Speaker**

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Introduction: Margaret Russell

Speaker: Oscar V. Campomanes

Topic: *Ambiguities in Filipino American "Status" and The Making of the American Empire*

2:00-3:45 **Plenary Panel Four**

[] *The Meanings and Particularities of Blackness: Latina/o Identities and LatCrit Theory*

Moderator: Gilbert Holmes

Panelists: Taunya Banks, Tanya Hernandez, Charles Santiago

Commentators: Paula Johnson & [TBA]

3:45-4:15 Break -- Cookies, Fruit, Refreshments

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4:15-6:45 **Plenary Panel Five**

[] *Religion, Gender & Sexuality: Conscience in LatCrit Theory*

Moderator: David Cruz

Panelists: Guadelupe Luna, Terry Rey, Laura Padilla

Commentators: Devon Carbado & E. Nathaniel Gates

7:00-7:30 Unhosted Reception: Spirits and Beverages

7:30-9:15 p.m. **Dinner, Keynote & Concluding Remarks**

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Keynote

Introduction: Angela Harris

Speaker: Celina Romany

Topic: *Global Capitalism, Transnational Social Justice and LatCrit Theory as Antisubordination Praxis*

Concluding Remarks

Introduction: Steve Bender

Speaker: Roberto Corrada (for LC5)

9:30-???? Parties/Rest/Relaxation!

SUNDAY, May 2, 1999

All events at Stanford Sierra Conference Center; Room locations in brackets [TBA]

8:00-9:00 a.m. Hosted Buffet: Light Continental Breakfast

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9:00-11:00 Preliminary Planning Session for LatCrit V

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11:30 Hosted Box-Lunch Picnic & Group Photo Portrait!

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Program Schedule: Concurrent Events

A. CONCURRENT PANELS: Friday, April 30, 11-12:30

1. TWAIL/NAIL Meet LatCrit Intersections

Location: [TBA]

Moderator: Ediberto Roman

Presenters: Gil Gott, Lisa Iglesias, Natsu Jenga, Tayyab Mahmud

2. LatCrit Perspectives on Culture, Political Economy, and Material Realities

Location: [TBA]

Moderator: Keith Aoki

Presenters: Tim Canova, Fred Galves, Ellen Pader, Chantal Thomas

3. High Tech Communication as Antisubordination Problematic

Location: [TBA]

Moderator: Maggie Chon

Presenters: Enrique Carrasco, Arturo Gandara, Margaret Montoya, Madeline Plasencia

4. Native Cultures, Comparative Values and Critical Intersections

Location: [TBA]

Moderator: Jo Carillo

Presenters: Donna Coker, Berta Hernandez, Rebecca Tsosie, Eric Yamamoto

B. WORKSHOPS, ROUNDTABLES, TALKING CIRCLES: Friday, April 30, 6:00-7:00

1. Mestizaje and Contemporary Latina/o Identities: Current Problems in Denying, Reclaiming and Overclaiming Mestiza/o Identity

Location: [TBA]

Co-Facilitators: Laura Gomez & Margaret Montoya

Participants: All Present

2. Engaging in Affirmative Action Struggle: A Strategic Planning Session

Location: [TBA]

Co-Facilitators: Yxta Maya Murray & David Oppenheimer

Participants: All Present

C. CONCURRENT WORK-IN-PROGRESS FEEDBACK GROUPS: Saturday, May 1, 11-12:15

William Aceves, Steve Bender, Sumi Cho & Robert Westley, Fred Galves, Laura Gomez, Darren Hutchinson, Tom Joo, Sylvia Lazos, Ian Haney Lopez, Tayyab Mahmud, Jeffrey Mingo, Alfredo Mirande, Ellen Pader

1. **Names followed by an asterisk denote speaker not yet finally confirmed.**

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SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM OUTLINE

Rotating Centers, Expanding Frontiers:

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The results of the Call for Papers, Panels and Participation and the Planning Committee's discussions are in, and we are pleased to provide this substantive outline of the LatCrit IV program we have developed. We think you'll agree that the program promises to cut new ground, even as it maintains significant continuity with the themes, methods and commitments of the past. We suggest that you review this Substantive Program Outline first, and then turn to the enclosed Program Schedule. Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you at the Stanford Sierra Conference Center on April 29th - hopefully by 4:00 p.m. in time for the program kick-off!

Thursday's Kick-Off: A Moderated Focus-Group Discussion

Reclaiming Equal Opportunity in Legal Education

This year the program will kick off on Thursday, April 29, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. with a moderated plenary discussion titled, *We Won't Go Back! Reclaiming Equal Opportunity in Legal Education*. The purpose of this kick-off discussion is to bring us up to date on the ongoing struggles over affirmative action specifically in California. The discussion will feature a colloquy by Rachel Moran and David Oppenheimer, and will be moderated by Leslie Espinoza. Designed to present a wide range of critical views, the discussants include

academics from various disciplines as well as lobbyist/activists and attorney/activists involved in the struggle. After the opening colloquy and some moderated comments from the discussants, the event will turn to exchanges between the discussants and the audience. Please make your travel plans well in advance to be present for this important discussion and exchange.

Thursday's Opening Ceremony:

Grupo Mixcoatl, Danzantes Aztecas

In addition to the focus group discussion, Thursday's kick-off includes a spiritual ceremony performed by a group of Danzantes Aztecas: Grupo Mixcoatl. This ceremony recognizes, recalls and invokes the spiritual heritage of indigenous peoples, and Latinas/os' close ties to indigenous peoples; this opening ceremony represents a living commitment to reclaim indigenous identity in Latina/o life and in LatCrit theory. We urge you to join us for this ceremony, and for all of Thursday's events (see below for more on the conference keynotes).

Plenary and Concurrent Sessions: An Overview

This year the substantive program is organized around five interdisciplinary plenary panels that span the three days of the conference. As described more fully in this substantive outline, these panels include a wide variety of speakers designed to present views and ideas on new and continuing LatCrit themes from various disciplines, identity groups, and sectors of law and society. In addition, we have organized several keynote addresses that feature policy makers and noted scholars from various disciplines to help "rotate centers" and "expand frontiers" in LatCrit theory. These plenary events are designed to provide an integrated program that focuses the conference on local as well as global issues, and that showcases analyses that consider Latina/o interests in relation to other outgroups.

Because of the enthusiastic responses to our Call for Papers, Panels & Participation from so many of you, we have also been able to organize two sets of concurrent sessions, both of which are scheduled for Friday. The first set of Friday's concurrent sessions (11:00-12:30) features four concurrent panels, which also reflect continuing attention to various forms of diversity and

multidimensionality in LatCrit programs. These concurrent panels, as indicated more fully in the attached Program Schedule address issues that range from international to economic issues and that span a rich array of identity intersections.

And in order to continue our commitment to experiment with alternative formats for meaningful communication and exchange, the second set of Friday's concurrent sessions (6:00-7:00) features two concurrent workshops, both of which follow-up on plenary sessions. At the suggestion of the conference center staff, these workshops are scheduled for late in the day, following a mid-afternoon (2:00-4:00) break to facilitate informal activities in ways that take advantage of the locality's weather and features. On Friday, rather than go from lunch to the afternoon's plenary session, we will go from lunch to this Mid-Afternoon Break, regrouping (at 4:00) in plenary session for Plenary Panel Two, on Mestizaje, and then the concurrent workshops will follow (at 6:00-7:00).

The first concurrent workshop, titled *Engaging the Affirmative Action Struggle: A Strategic Planning Session*, follows up on Thursday's kick-off Discussion Group, and will be co-facilitated by David Oppenheimer and Yxta Maya Murray to brainstorm and organize post-conference projects and plans on equal opportunity in legal education. The second concurrent workshop, titled *Mestizaje and Contemporary Latina/o Identities: Current Problems in Denying, Reclaiming and Overclaiming Mestiza/o Identity*, follows up on Plenary Panel Two (see more below) and will be co-facilitated by Margaret Montoya and Laura Gomez to explore in a more focused and contemporary way the issues broached in the plenary panel. Both the concurrent panels and the concurrent workshops invite 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 this conference, or to break new ground that can serve as points of programmatic follow-up in upcoming LatCrit conferences. We hope you will take advantage of the synergies that the blend of plenary and concurrent programs strives to provide.

Finally, consistent with the LatCrit commitment to promote the production of quality scholarship, we once again also have worked time into the program for a number of works-in-progress. These works-in-progress will be made available to conference Registrants later in order to maximize the value of the presentation to the author. Be sure to register by the March 31st deadline, and please make sure to attend and participate in the work-in-progress session of

your choice; as a community of scholars, this aspect of our annual gatherings is crucial.

It is thus with great pleasure that we submit this brief outline of the substantive themes that are intended to guide the discussions and presentations for each of the five plenary panels. After presenting the plenary panels, this Substantive Program Outline turns briefly to the keynote addresses, which also are plenary in nature. After reviewing this Outline, please turn to the enclosed Program Schedule for more information about both the plenary and concurrent sessions.

Plenary Panel One

Farmworkers in LatCrit Perspective: The Legal Re/Structuring of Local/Global

Agricultural Production, Class Formation and the Politics of Racial/Ethnic Division

This plenary is devoted to examining the conditions of subordination in the agricultural industry. Agriculture is a fitting target for LatCrit attention because farmwork historically has been and still remains a primary source of employment for Latinas/os, both in the United States and throughout the Hemisphere. From the agricultural exceptionalism that initially denied farmworkers the protection of federal labor and social welfare laws to the past and current battles over "guest" worker programs that operate to depress domestic wage rates by exploiting the desperation of impoverished Mexican and Caribbean labor, agriculture has been a site of intense class and racial/ethnic conflict. Indeed, the agricultural sector is at the intersection of multiple legal regimes that operate interactively to reproduce a complex network of stratifications along the lines of class, race, gender, and national origin. Agricultural law and policy enables the concentration of huge amounts of wealth through farm subsidies and import quotas, even as the denial of basic labor rights and the non-enforcement of rights recognized have prevented any significant changes in the wage structures and labor conditions endured by farmworkers, particularly migrants. At the same time, NAFTA is accelerating a reorganization of the agricultural industry both within the United States and across the U.S./Mexico border. U.S. farmers argue that the importation of cheap temporary labor is a competitive imperative even as U.S. agricultural capital crosses the border to return as "Mexican" competitors.

This plenary explores the legal, cultural and class dimensions of subordination in the agricultural industry and its current restructuring. Possible issues for analysis include:

Intra and Intergroup Justice and Farmworker Solidarity How are the politics of division activated in different geographical regions, agricultural sectors and Latina/o communities from California to South Florida? What laws (or absence of law) have agricultural elites used to activate inter-group antagonisms and to disorganize intergroup solidarity and resistance?

Agribusiness and the International Political Economy. How is the transnational reorganization of the agricultural industry changing the reality of farm worker lives, the nature of their struggles, and the viability of existing legal remedies? How might the struggle over immigration laws, trade laws and international human rights laws incorporate farm worker justice issues?

Thematizing Class, Gender, Health and Environment: From Farmworker Unions to Community Organizing (And Back Again) Farm worker justice struggles have been organized in many different ways: from traditional union structures using traditional labor tactics to further traditional labor demands to a whole array of non-traditional union and community structures, using non-traditional methods to further justice issues of broad significance to many other progressive social movements. What kinds of "alternative" strategies have been most successful? How can the broader significance of farmworker rights issues, (e.g., pesticide poisoning) be used to link other activist groups in effective coalitions?

Plenary Panel Two

Mestizaje, Identity and the Power of Law in Historical Context

This plenary session brings together papers that draw attention to the complex racial heritage of Latinas and Latinos. It builds on conversations at prior LatCrit conferences about mestiza/o racial heritage

and its present manifestations, both in terms of the legal sphere but also more generally in terms of identity and politics. While the panel pursues these topics from a historical perspective, it is followed by an optional workshop that takes on the implications for contemporary identities, political coalitions, and justice goals.

In more general terms, a major objective in this panel is to come to terms with the anti-Indian racism that some consider a central reality in Latina/o identity politics. This involves understanding such racism as a by-product of European colonialism and thinking about how contemporary Latina/o folkways, sayings and songs continue to reproduce it. It also requires exploration of the potential political possibilities of Latinas/os more actively recognizing and even asserting their Indian heritage. The implications of this move for the anti-essentialist, anti-subordination commitments of the LatCrit movement are not self-evident. For instance, at which point does Latina/o reclamation of Indian identity begin to usurp hard-won Native American gains in the political and economic realms, as for example in conflicts over the management of reservation economies. Possible issues for analysis and discussion include:

What is a "Mestiza/o"? Or, in other words, what is mestizaje? What does it mean to be a mestiza/o? These questions invite reflection on the far-reaching implications of the fact that Latina/o identities arise from the sexual union of Spanish colonizers and the Indigenous peoples of the Americas.

How should LatCrits link this history to the here and now? How do/should Latinas/os conceptualize the relationship between historical and contemporary dimensions of Latina/o experiences as peoples and as individuals, particularly given that the meaning of mestizaje changes through time and across space. What does it mean to say one is mestiza/o today? What does mestizaje mean in the different regions and communities throughout the United States and in the countries of the Americas? And what do these differences mean for an antisubordination, antiessentialist movement like LatCrit theory?

What are the political implications of being mestiza/o? Or, what are the political implications of recognizing Latina/o mestizaje? In embracing mestizaje as a positive element of Latina/o identity, the LatCrit community must ask about how it will impact our collaborations with other oppressed peoples, and overlapping but distinct social justice agendas like the fight against homophobia. In some regions there is fierce competition among mestiza/o and non-mestiza/o groups for scarce natural resources (land, water, etc.). Intergroup tensions are further exacerbated by the differential resources and differential degrees of self-determination enjoyed by officially recognized tribes and related communities of Third and Fourth generation Chicana/o communities.

Plenary Panel Three

Literature and the Arts as AntiSubordination Praxis

This plenary is designed to begin a dialogue about the value of including the arts in the LatCrit enterprise and to theorize about whether LatCrit should be expanded in such a way. This plenary panel brings together scholars, writers and artists to discuss the different ways in which messages about subordination and injustice can be communicated to as broad an audience as possible. In particular, the panel seeks to explore how narratives can be used to bring greater humanity and sensitivity to the system of Justice. Narratives come in many forms, and Latina/o communities have been particularly creative in incorporating justice issues into a wide array of artistic formats -- from social protest music to poetry, to movies and the plastic arts. At their best, these forms of cultural production become powerful social, political and legal commentaries that serve to educate, enlighten and provoke in ways that would be otherwise impossible given elite monopolization of the means of communication. By the same token, Louis Armstrong was once asked, "what is jazz?" His response: "I can't really tell you, but if you don't know what it is, don't mess with it." He may have a point. In exploring the question whether LatCrit scholars should "mess" with narratives (and/or other forms of artistic expression), participants in this panel are invited to address the following themes:

Why Narrative? Clearly LatCrit scholars feel a need to adopt modalities other than those used in traditional legal scholarship in order to convey otherwise inexpressible truths about the experience of subordination. Why? It could be that narratives speak for themselves or that the key to them for scholars is the writing, rather than the audience's reception. But what does that mean? How can the image of a scholar "writing just to write" be squared with the already articulated commitments of LatCrit theory to the construction of community and the transformation of material realities? On the other hand, how can LatCrit Theory progress if it is always constrained by the dominant canons of the legal academy?

What are "the Stakes" in LatCrit Legal Scholarship. Critics of post-modern theory complain that cultural politics has replaced real politics with "the representation of politics." Rather than engaging in the real material struggles of the times, post-modern theory legitimates the commercialization of politics by offering the oppressed the pseudo alternative of virtual participation in politics through the deployment of symbols rather than the organization of protest. In helping to move legal scholarship toward the narrative, can LatCrit theory effectively distinguish the representation of politics in art from the

activation of politics through art? Should it try to make this distinction? Why or why not?

Capitalist Power and Cultural Production. Finally, no LatCrit analysis of the transformative power of the arts would be complete without attention to the impact of economic power, profit incentives, and market structures on the production of artistic representations. How does law participate in converting art into the arts and entertainment industry@ and how does the structure of that industry restrict the production and dissemination of authentically transformative cultural forms and events?

Plenary Panel Four

The Meanings and Particularities of Blackness in Latina/o Identity and LatCrit Theory

The purpose of this plenary panel is to develop a fuller understanding of the way the antiessentialist, antisubordination objectives of the LatCrit movement are simultaneously implicated in and challenged by the particularities of Black subordination within and across different Latina/o communities. LatCrit Theory originated as a collective effort to combat the invisibility of Latina/o histories, issues and perspectives in legal scholarship by moving beyond the limitations of a Black/White paradigm in which white supremacy is understood primarily in terms of racial discrimination by white people against Blacks. The success with which LatCrit scholars have moved *Hispanic* identities to the center of LatCrit analysis, in turn, raises substantial questions about the way *non-Hispanic* Latina/o identities are positioned in LatCrit theory and praxis, including concern [or criticism] that Black, Indigenous and Asian identities have been marginalized in the articulation of LatCrit theory. In particular, this panel seeks to generate a more informed LatCrit analysis of the way Black identity is constituted in and among Latinas/os by inviting reflections and comments on the following issues:

The Particularities of Black Latina/o Identities. Black and Hispanic identities are inextricably interwoven in the construction and expressions of Latina/o cultures though in different ways across different places and spaces.

Understanding the meaning of Blackness in LatCrit theory, therefore requires at least some understanding the historical, cultural and other particularities that mark similarity and difference in and between, for example, Black Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Colombians, Brazilians, Dominicans, Cubans as well as Black

Latinas/os in the United States. Understanding these particularities is a pending project in LatCrit theory and a necessary prerequisite for addressing the ever more demanding issues that are likely to emerge if LatCrit theory continues to be true to its antiessentialist, antisubordination agenda.

The Politics of Pan-ethnicity(ies). How are the antisubordination interests of non-Spanish-speaking Blacks implicated in or affected by theoretical moves that might easily be construed as efforts to fragment a panAfrican nationalist identity by centering Latina/o identities in the organization of Black Latina/o political identities? How should LatCrit theory understand and address this competition of possible positions confronted by Black Latinas/os? in light of its commitments to antiessentialism and antisubordination, and particularly in light of predominant tendencies in and among Hispanic communities not to *claim but, rather, to disclaim* connection to Black Latina/o identities?

Configuring Latina/o Identities. How should LatCrit theory respond to complaints that programmed sessions designed to center Black identities in LatCrit analysis threaten to take "the "Lat" out of LatCrit theory"? Alternatively, how would LatCrits who assert the above complaint respond to counterclaims that LatCrit theory still wants to keep "the Black out of Lat"? More generally, how are competing claims of "ethnicity" or "race" as the best-suited lens of critical sociolegal analysis for "Latinas/os" to be evaluated, compared and resolved? Are concepts like "racialized ethnicity" or "ethnicized race" coherent, useful, progressive?

Beyond the Politics of Priority To AntiSubordination Solidarity. Given that Latina/o identity includes groups also have non-Latina/o members -- *e.g.*, Asians, Blacks, Indians and Hispanics -- how can LatCrit theory incorporate these multiple identities without positing an essential Latina/o identity that simply "adds on" the characteristics of other groups? Does LatCrit theory as currently developed imply that the true Latina/o identity is Hispanic and that Hispanic-Latina/o identity should be the center of analysis, thereby internally reproducing the very subordinating forces LatCrit theory was created to contest? How would LatCrits who resist the decentering of Hispanic identity respond to counterclaims that LatCrit theory still wants to keep "the Black, the Indian and the Asian out of Lat"? Finally, do LatCrit commitments to antiessentialist, antisubordination principles as method and objective provide any guidance through these questions? If so, why and how--why and how are antiessentialism and antisubordination grounding principles for the articulation and practice of a LatCrit ethic that pursues and advances outgroup solidarity?

Plenary Panel Five

Religions, Genders, Sexualities and Conscience In LatCrit Theory

The published symposia and live events of prior LatCrit conferences testify to the central role of religion as a constitutive element of Latina/o identities and cultures. The multiplicity of religious experiences, meanings and historical conflicts have especially dense and complicated ramifications for the way Latina/o communities negotiate issues of sexuality and sexual orientation in the organization of social relations and the production of cultural images. As a result, LatCrit theory has increasingly confronted the need to recognize and address the ways in which religion participates in organizing **both** the subordination experienced and the resistance waged by Latina/o peoples and sub-groups thereof. Importantly, however, even modest inspection reveals that neither religion nor its interactions with Latina/o forces are homogenous. The expression of religious ritual, the substance and content of religious belief, as well as the relationship to institutionalized Church power differ as much as the variations of community norms and expectations that distinguish Chicana/o, Mexican, Cuban, Puerto Rican, as well as feminist and Queer Latina/o religious communities.

The charge of this plenary panel is to excavate and analyze the similarities and differences of Latina/o religious realities. Possible lines of inquiry include the following:

One Church, Different Catholicisms. What might a critical comparison of different structures, beliefs, rituals, and images under what is nominally the "same" Church in different cultures or locales (*e.g.*, California, the Philippines) reveal about the effects these different forms have on social issues or arrangements?

Thematizing the Virgin. The Virgin has been represented and mobilized in various ways in different Latina/o cultures, depicted as of different races, appearing in different garb (in one depiction, she even wears jogging shoes), held high with honor at the front of protests for justice for workers; what might these various conceptualizations and deployments of the Virgin=s identity and image teach us about the importance of the maternal/feminine in Latina/o identity and politics? or about complexities and contingencies through which Catholicism interacts with and produces effects upon Latina/o identities and politics?

S/He In Religion. How has religion and, in particular, the gender identifications performed through the religious symbols and symbolism that operate within Latina/o cultures, simultaneously opened up and foreclosed opportunities for nonconforming sex/gender identities?

Sexuality Through Religion. How have ritualized homo/bi/hetero/sexual acts and/or expressions in religion reinforced social sexual normativities in Latina/o cultures?

Sacred Architectures of Colonization. What lessons can LatCrit theory learn from the histories of Catholic missions in California, during both the Spanish and Mexican periods -- lessons, for example, about the operation of the Church as an agent of social, economic, and cultural power, and about the way law has allowed the church and its social allies to assert themselves politically, materially, and symbolically, dispossessing indigenous peoples and coercing conversion and assimilation?

The Keynotes

As you will notice in the attached Program Schedule, the keynote addresses feature noted scholars from various disciplines as well as policy makers and community representatives. This year we welcome the keynotes of sociologists Rudy Acuna, who will discuss his experience with antidiscrimination litigation in an education context, and Tomas Almaguer, who will focus on gender, sexual orientation and Latino identity in Northern California. We likewise welcome the keynote of author/activist/academic Oscar V. Campomanes, who will engage issues of power, identity, history, culture and law from a Filipino perspective. We also are especially pleased to welcome the General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Greg Stewart, who will discuss the EEOC's current work and plans to share some thoughts on the relationship of theory to practice, specifically focusing on the role that LatCrit theorists can play in legal reform and policymaking. The closing keynote, by Celina Romany, will focus the conference on the role of LatCrit theory, and the potential practical utility of legal ideas created through LatCrit theorizing, in the vortexes created by global capitalism and transnational/cultural power relations. Finally, the opening and concluding remarks are intended to contextualize LatCrit IV as part of larger and continuing enterprise. We hope these keynotes, in relation to the plenary and concurrent events featured in the Program Schedule, will further amplify our discussion of the issues presented or implicated in the overall program.

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