

**Save the Date & Call for
Papers, Panels and Presentations**

**Seventh Annual LatCrit
Conference**

**Doubletree Hotel-Jantzen Beach
&
THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SCHOOL OF LAW**

**Portland, Oregon
May 2-5, 2002**

**RESPONSE DUE DATE:
October 31, 2001**

TO: The LatCrit Community and Friends

FROM: The LatCrit VII Planning Committee

Saludos! We hope you and your family are safe and well.

The conference theme for the Seventh Annual LatCrit Conference in Portland, Oregon on May 2-5, 2002 will be *Coalitional Theory and Praxis: Social Justice Movements and LatCrit Community*. 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 31, 2001.

This Seventh Annual LatCrit Conference--"LatCrit VII"--will seek to move forward with the development of theory and praxis in our diverse communities. During the past six 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, and (6) inter-American issues of law, justice and society.

This year, the conference theme --**Coalitional Theory and Praxis: Social Justice Movements and LatCrit Community**-- is designed to provide an opportunity to center progressive social movements within LatCrit theory and praxis. Progressive social movements, whether ongoing or recent, encompass those seeking environmental,

international labor, gay/lesbian, and civil rights, as well as the feminist and human rights movements, particularly the Free South Africa campaign. Concurrently, scholarly movements or revolutions exist in legal and other fields of academia, sometimes mirroring the external societal struggles, other times providing a broad lens by which those external struggles may be viewed, as in the case of critical legal studies and critical race theory. This year's conference will explore the successes and failures of these societal and academic movements, as well as their intersections and inconsistencies with, and lessons for, LatCrit. Particularly evident in our examination and discussion will be the role of law and of lawyers in movements for progressive social change.

This theme of movements will force us to ask the questions, Is LatCrit a movement? If so, toward what academic or societal end(s) does it and/or should it aspire? What are the tools of this revolution? What is the impact of LatCrit and how is this impact manifested or suppressed? How can we bridge the gap between LatCrit theory and praxis? This year's program is designed to encourage papers and panels that aim to center progressive social movements within LatCrit and to explore the purpose of our collective LatCrit endeavor. As always, the conference program will be designed to accommodate panels and papers that do not directly reflect the conference theme ;therefore, 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 31, 2001. These four factors or guideposts are listed below. They have, during the past several years, served as useful lenses for papers and other program events. These 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 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 the Northwest or the West or the Pacific Rim. 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 31, 2001.

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 antiessentialism and 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 31, 2001, the attached Program Suggestions and Feedback form. Thanks for your timeliness!

Location and Facilities

The LatCrit VII conference will be held at the Doubletree Hotel-Jantzen Beach, in Portland, Oregon. This hotel fronts the scenic Columbia River and is located on Hayden Island just north of downtown Portland. Our conference facilities will be steps from the water and the altitude will be near sea-level. The conference hotel amenities include a fitness center, tennis courts, swimming pool and hot tubs (the latter both outside and within the LatCrit hospitality suite).

The Doubletree Hotel is located within 15 minutes of the Portland International Airport and offers complimentary hotel-airport transportation. We will send you more detailed information about location, facilities, and travel logistics early in the spring semester. As usual, the conference will begin mid-afternoon on Thursday, May 2, 2002 and conclude its substantive component with Saturday's banquet. However, there will be a preliminary planning session for LatCrit VIII following breakfast on Sunday. Please make your advance travel plans to arrive at the Conference Center by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2002 and try to stay on-site until noon-time for the planning session on Sunday, May 5, 2002.

Information will follow on the Second Annual LatCrit Retreat to be held immediately after LatCrit VII in a location to be announced.

LatCrit VII: Program Proposal Form

DUE DATE: Wednesday, October 31, 2001

Please complete this form and **FAX it back to Steven Bender at 541-346-1564 ASAP**, and by October 31, 2001. Please use additional sheets if necessary. Please be timely! Thanks!

Name: _____

School: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

_____ Yes, I plan to attend LatCrit VII (May 2-5, 2002) 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.

LATCRIT VII: PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 2 <u>Afternoon</u>	Friday, May 3 <u>Morning</u>	Saturday, May 4 <u>Morning</u>	Sunday, May 5 <u>Morning</u>
	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	
	<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>	

LATCRIT VII: PROGRAM SCHEDULE (updated March 27, 2002)

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SEVENTH ANNUAL LATCRIT CONFERENCE

"LATCRIT VII"

Coalitional Theory and Praxis: Social Justice Movements and LatCrit Community

May 2-5, 2002

Doubletree Hotel * Jantzen Beach

Portland, Oregon

Presented By Latina and Latino Critical Legal
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THURSDAY, May 2, 2002

Noon through dinner: Conference and Hotel Registration

3:00-4:30 Welcome Reception: Refreshments and Snacks

4:30-6:45 Opening Roundtable Discussion (Timberline Room)

***LatCrit Coalitional Theory and Praxis Within and Beyond the Academy: Learning
From and Collaborating With Movements for Social Justice and Political
Transformation***

Moderator: Elizabeth Iglesias (Miami)

Discussants: Muneer Ahmad (American), Robin Morris Collin (Oregon), Martha Ertman
(Denver), Ibrahim Gassama (Oregon), Suzanne Goldberg (Rutgers, Newark),
Balakrishnan Rajagopal (MIT), John Hayakawa Torok (Columbia)

Commentators: Berta E. Hernández-Truyol (Florida), Gerald Torres (Texas)

7:00-9:00 Dinner, Opening Remarks & Keynote (Washington Room)

Welcoming Remarks: Dean Rennard Strickland, University of Oregon School of Law

Introduction: Dean Rennard Strickland

Speaker: Ward Churchill (Colorado)

Topic: **TBA**

9:00-Done

Latina and Latino Critical Legal Theory, Inc. Board Meeting (LatCrit Hospitality Suite)

FRIDAY, May 3, 2002

8:00-9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast (Washington Room and Hallway)

9:00-11:00 Plenary Panel (Washington Room)

Political Violence, "Terrorism," and the Criminalization of the Other

Moderators: Denise Ferreira da Silva (UC-San Diego), Nancy Ehrenreich (Denver)
Panelists: Paula Chakravartty (UC-San Diego), Denise Ferreira da Silva (UC-San Diego), Nancy Ehrenreich (Denver), Carmen Gonzalez (Seattle), Tayyab Mahmud (Cleveland State)

11:00-11:45 Morning Break Free/Discretionary/Recreational/Caucusing Time

11:45-1:00 Lunch & Keynote (Timberline Room)

Introduction (Noon): Pedro Malavet (Florida)

Speaker: Rubén Berríos (President, Puerto Rican Independence Party)

Topic: ***Vieques and the Past, Present and Future of the Puerto Rico/US Colonial Relationship***

1:15-3:15 Plenary Panel (Washington Room)

Reparations, Redress and Remedies: Undoing the Legacy of Colonialism and Imperialism

Panelists: Margalynne Armstrong (Santa Clara), Taunya Banks (Maryland), José R. (Beto) Juárez, Jr. (St. Mary's), Dinesh Khosla (CUNY), Pedro Malavet (Florida)
Moderator/Commentator: Robert S. Chang (Loyola)

3:15-4:30 Afternoon Break Free/Discretionary/Recreational/Caucusing Time

4:30-6:00 Concurrent Workshops

Workshop One: ***Under Attack: Democracies Across the Americas*** (Washington Room)

Moderator/Presenter: Frank Valdés (Miami)

Discussion Leaders: Larry Catá Backer (Penn State-Dickinson), Paula Johnson (Syracuse), Hugo Rojas (Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago, Chile), Natsu Saito (Georgia State)

Participants: Audience

Workshop Two: ***Progressive Pedagogy*** (Overton Room)

Moderator/Presenter: Roberto Corrada (Denver)
Discussion Leaders: M.H. Sam Jacobson (Willamette), Margaret Montoya (New Mexico), Marcos Pizarro (San Jose State), Anita Tijerina Revilla (UCLA), Angelica Rivera (Illinois)
Participants: Audience

6:30-9:00 Dinner and Keynote Speaker (Timberline Room)

Welcoming Remarks: Susan Castillo (Oregon State Senate)
Introduction: Ibrahim Gassama Speaker: Mukau Mutua (Buffalo)
Topic: *Terrorism and Powerlessness: Contracting Choices for the Global South*

SATURDAY, May 4, 2002

7:30-8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast (Washington Room and Hallway)

8:45-10:15 Plenary Panel (Washington Room)

Community Justice for Immigrants and Others: A Local Perspective on Inter/National Struggles for Dignity

Moderator: Gil Carrasco (Willamette)
Panelists: Peggy Nagae (Portland attorney), Margie Paris (Oregon), Linda Friedman Ramirez (Portland attorney), Ramon Ramirez (President, Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste)

10:30-11:45 Works in Progress Sessions

Presenter One: Raquel Aldana-Pindell (UNLV): Reconsidering Victim's Rights in the Criminal Process through the Lens of Human Rights Struggles in Latin America (Washington Room)

Presenter Two: Charles R. Venator Santiago (Massachusetts): Transculturation, Hybridity, and Constitutional Borrowing: A Conceptual Clarification (White Stag Room)

Presenter Three: Carolina Stefoni (Chile): Cuban and Peruvian Immigration in Santiago, Chile During the 90s (Pendleton Room)

Presenter Four: Frank Valdés (Miami): Barely at the Margins: Race and Ethnicity in Legal Education A Curricular Study With LatCritical Commentary (Overton Room)

11:45-1:00 Lunch & Keynote (Timberline Room)

Introduction: Barbara Aldave (Oregon)
Speaker: Cruz Reynoso (UC-Davis)

Topic: ***Beyond November 2000: Reflections on the Work of the United States Civil Rights Commission, and a Follow-up Agenda for Activist Academics***

1:15-2:45 Concurrent Panels

Concurrent One: ***on Racial Identity*** (Jantzen Room)

Moderator: TBA

Presenters: Richard Delgado (Colorado), Adele M. Morrison (Northern Illinois), Anthony Ocampo (Stanford), Seth Racusen (MIT), Jean Stefancic (Colorado)

Concurrent Two: ***Cambio de Colores: Latinas/os in the Midwest*** (White Stag Room)

Moderator: TBA

Presenters: Sylvia R. Lazos (UM, Columbia), Guadalupe T. Luna (Northern Illinois), María Pabón Lopez (UM, Columbia)

Concurrent Three: ***on Social Movements*** (Pendleton Room)

Moderator: TBA

Presenters: Ruben J. García (Wisconsin), Otis B. Grant (Indiana), Frank R. Lopez (Texas Tech), Marc Poirier (Seton Hall)

Concurrent Four: ***on September 11th*** (Washington Room)

Moderator/Presenter: Steven Bender (Oregon)

Presenters: Peter Margulies (Roger Williams), John Márquez (UC-San Diego), Nancy Shurtz (Oregon)

Concurrent Five: ***"Middleman Minority" Status: From Affirmative Action to Terrorism Profiling*** (Overton Room)

Moderator: TBA

Presenters: Frank Rudy Cooper (Villanova), Dani Hart (Southwestern), Emily M.S. Houh (Northern Kentucky), Seetal Sunga (Nova Scotia Dept. of Justice)

2:45-3:30 Mid-Afternoon Break Free/Discretionary/Recreational/Caucusing Time

3:30-5:00 Plenary Panel (Washington Room)

The World Conference Against Racism: Material Remedies for Racism

Moderator: Frank Valdés (Miami)

Panelists: Peggy Maisel (South Africa), Athena Mutua (Buffalo), Robert Westley (Tulane)

5:00-5:30 Brief Late Afternoon Break Free/Discretionary/Caucusing Time

5:30-7:00 Concurrent Workshops

Workshop Three: *Focusing the Electoral Lens: Capturing Post-2000 Latina/o and APA Political Strength in the Redistricting Process* (Washington Room)

Moderator/Presenter: Keith Aoki (Oregon)

Discussion Leaders: Kathay Feng (Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California), Denise Hulett (MALDEF, San Francisco), Kevin R. Johnson (UC-Davis)

Participants: Audience

Workshop Four: *Promotion and Tenure Perils, Policies and Possibilities: A Workshop on Survival Strategies, Mutual Support and Collective Action* (Overton Room)

Moderator/Presenter: Elizabeth Iglesias (Miami)

Discussion Leaders: Christopher David Ruiz Cameron (Southwestern), Devon Carbado (UCLA), Nancy Cook (Cornell), Roberto Corrada (Denver)

Participants: Audience

7:00-11:00 Dinner and Cinco de Mayo Celebration (Timberline Room)

Entertainment: Latino DJ; Los Garden Weasels (band including Keith Aoki, Steven Bender, and Gil Carrasco, and featuring the Latina/o all-star rhythm section)

SUNDAY, May 5, 2002

7:30-9:30 a.m. Breakfast (Weyerhaeuser Room)

9:30-11:00 Preliminary Planning Session for LatCrit VIII and future conferences (Weyerhaeuser Room)

Facilitator: Tayyab Mahmud (Cleveland State)

Please register by April 10th, 2002!

February 28, 2002 TO: LatCrit Scholars, Friends, Communities

FR: LatCrit VII Planning Committee

**RE: TIME SENSITIVE - REGISTRATION FOR LATCRIT VII in
Portland, Oregon May 2-5, 2002!**

Saludos, amigas y amigos!

We are writing to invite you (and other interested members of your faculty or organization) to attend the Seventh Annual LatCrit Conference: *Coalitional Theory and Praxis: Social Justice Movements and LatCrit Community*, which will take place in Portland, Oregon at the waterfront Doubletree Hotel-Jantzen Beach on **May 2-5, 2002**.

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 VII and look forward to seeing you in Portland to continue together this important work.

This year's program is rewarding and stimulating, and the Columbia River island setting is urban yet tranquil and conducive to fun and work. Once again, we have planned for this event to be the perfect way to close your academic year in an invigorating and restorative setting. After reviewing these materials, please send us back your completed LatCrit VII Registration Form ASAP, and **no later than April 10th in order to benefit from the early registration fee of \$295 (after April 10, the fee will be \$320)**; please, also make your separate hotel and travel arrangements well in advance to join us for Thursday's welcome reception that begins at 3:00 pm and the substantive program kick-off at 4:30 pm on May 2, 2002.

See you there!

Travel information, hotel registration information, the conference registration form, a child care information survey, symposium publication guidelines, as well as a substantive program outline and program schedule may all be obtained directly from our LatCrit

website at: <http://www.latcrit.org> or
<http://nersp.nerdc.ufl.edu/~malavet/latcrit/lcviidocs/lcviimain.htm>.

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The hotel is at 909 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217; Tel: 1-503-283-4466; Fax: 1-503-283-4743. For information on the hotel, check out the their website: <http://www.doubletree.com/en/dt/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=RLJB-DT>. **However, you must call the hotel directly for reservations.** Be sure to mention that you are registering for the Seventh Annual LatCrit Conference, and **do not forget to send your separate Conference Registration Form to LatCrit.**

Information on travel logistics and registration as well as the Second Annual LatCrit Retreat is already posted in our website: <http://www.latcrit.org>.

Register before April 10, 2002!

**Do not forget
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LatCrit, Inc.,
and
(2) separately to reserve your room directly with
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PLANNING AHEAD: KEY POINTERS AND THURSDAY'S KICK-OFF

Time, Place, and Travel:

LatCrit VII convenes at 3:00 pm on Thursday, May 2nd with a welcoming reception followed by a 4:30 pm program kick-off, and concludes at 11am on Sunday, May 5th, with the 9:30-11am Preliminary Planning Session for next year's conference.

The Doubletree Hotel-Jantzen Beach fronts the scenic Columbia River with a view north toward Mt. Saint Helens and is located on Hayden Island 10 minutes north of downtown Portland and just 15 minutes by hotel shuttle from the Portland International Airport. Our conference facilities will be steps from the water and the altitude is near sea level. The conference hotel amenities include a fitness center, waterfront walking or jogging, tennis courts (with equipment available for check-out), and heated pools and hot tubs. Those interested in an informal Sunday afternoon tennis tournament at the hotel or a Monday ski outing on nearby famed Mt. Hood should contact Professor Gil Carrasco at carrasco@willamette.edu.

Travel to Portland is easy; the Portland International Airport is served by most major airlines. The Doubletree Hotel-Jantzen Beach provides complimentary hotel transportation. From the baggage claim area, proceed outside in the glass-domed facilities to the hotel shuttle transportation area and wait for the Doubletree Hotel-Jantzen Beach/Columbia River vans (tell the driver you are going to the Jantzen Beach Doubletree). The vans arrive approximately every 20 minutes from 6am until 11pm (in the unlikely event that you arrive in the middle of the night, contact the hotel directly and they should have a driver available for a special pick-up).

Please note that you need to **register for the conference and for the hotel separately**; if you misplace the conference registration form enclosed here, you can download new copies

directly from our LatCrit website at:

<http://nersp.nerdc.ufl.edu/~malavet/latcrit/lcviidocs/lcviimain.htm>

Registration Basics:

We have reserved a state-of-the-art waterfront facility that is beautiful and very attractively priced: **\$86 per night** plus tax (flat rate for up to four persons!). The student rate for up to 4- person occupancy is only \$50 per night plus tax. For a riverfront/view room upgrade, the rate is \$15 additional per night. The rooms are very spacious. Because lodging capacity is limited, the facility may become fully booked prior to the final registration deadline of **April 10, 2002**. We

therefore encourage you to make your hotel reservations directly with the Doubletree Hotel- Jantzen Beach at the same time as you return to us your completed LatCrit VII Registration Form and check as expeditiously as possible. Remember, conference and hotel registration are separate (but simple and easysee 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 VII 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 this year is "**Coalitional Theory and Praxis: Social Justice Movements and LatCrit Community.**" This year's program theme is designed both to continue past focuses and to begin new explorations of social, political 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 that include four workshops for intensive audience participation.

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.

Thursday's Kick-Off: As you will notice in the Schedule and the Outline, we start off on Thursday at 3:00pm 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 Lisa Iglesias on "**LatCrit Coalitional Theory and Praxis Within and Beyond the Academy: Learning From and Collaborating With Movements for Social Justice and Political Transformation,**" which brings together for interactive discussion a diverse group of activist-scholars to help us examine the linkages among the LatCrit project, progressive movements within the legal academy, and broader community-based socio-political activism. These events are followed by a dinner at which conference opening remarks by Dean Rennard Strickland will precede a keynote speech by Ward Churchill, a scholar and leader in the American Indian Movement. Read the Program Schedule and Substantive Program Outline for additional details and plan ahead to be there: you won't want to miss Thursday's exciting events!

Saturday Night Fiesta: Saturday night (May 4th) we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a Mexican enchilada buffet, followed by a concert from a local blues/rock/Latin/funk band with Professors Keith Aoki, Mike Axline, Steven Bender, Gil Carrasco, and others performing, along with special surprises. If you play a percussion or other portable instrument, please bring it and join the band on stage for a Latina/o all-star jam session at the evening's end.

Sunday Morning: Please don't forget the Preliminary Planning Session led by Tayyab Mahmud from 9:30am to 11:00am 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 LatCrit VIII conference. We hope you will join us on Sunday morning for this event and make your departure travel plans accordingly. Please note that this year the LatCrit Board meeting will take place in the LatCrit hospitality suite immediately following Thursday's dinner. **LATCRIT VII**

CONFERENCE AND HOTEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

DEADLINE FOR HOTEL AND CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS APRIL 10, 2002

This Information Sheet provides the details necessary for you to register both for the conference hotel as well as for the LatCrit VII conference; **please note that registration for the hotel and conference are separate but that the deadline for both registrations is the same, April 10, 2002.** This deadline is "real" because our contract with the hotel entails increased costs for accommodations 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 must be made directly with the conference site, which is the Doubletree Hotel-Jantzen Beach (located at 909 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon). To make your reservations and payment arrangements call the Reservations Department for this Portland hotel directly at 503-283-4466 and specify that you are part of the "LatCrit Conference" meeting from May 2-5th, 2002. You must make your reservations directly with the hotel by **April 10th, 2002.** All rooms will be released by the hotel after that date.

We have arranged a reduced rate of \$86 per night (for occupancy of these large rooms by up to four persons). A riverview upgrade is available for an additional \$15 per night. Arrangements for roommates need to be made directly among conference attendees. Please note that these group rates are applicable only if you make your hotel reservation by April 10, 2002. **To take advantage of this rate, you MUST contact the hotel directly by April 10th;** 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 prior to April 10 and \$320 thereafter, and it covers everything during the four days of the conference (except lodging and personal

expenses). This fee covers all meals from Thursday dinner through Sunday breakfast, the welcoming reception, all post-dinner spirits, refreshments, and munchies, all conference events and materials, all meal gratuities and any meal taxes. Nonparticipants are very welcome at the Conference, but if they will be joining us for meals they must pay a separate meal-only charge of \$225 per person (\$250 after April 10) to cover our meal and entertainment costs. Because we must provide detailed meal counts to the conference hotel in advance, we must receive your completed LatCrit VII Registration Form no later than April 10, 2002. **To register for the conference please complete and send the enclosed "LatCrit VII Registration Form" with your check made out to "LatCrit" for \$295 (\$320 after April 10) per registrant and \$225 (\$250 after April 10; meals only) for each nonregistrant directly to:**

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Meals:

As noted above, we have arranged on-site catered meals during the conference. Please note any special meal requests on your LatCrit VII Registration Form. Please make sure to return the fully-completed form to us at the University of Miami School of Law by April 10, 2002.

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 are 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 Doubletree Hotel to allow occupancy of up to four students in the rooms for a \$50 flat rate plus tax which provides an attractive rate for students who can share lodging.

**SEVENTH ANNUAL LATCRIT CONFERENCE
"LATCRIT VII"
May 2-5, 2002
Doubletree Hotel*Jantzen Beach
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SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM OUTLINE

Coalitional Theory and Praxis: Social Justice Movements and LatCrit Community

Saludos! This year, the LatCrit Annual Conference will seek to move forward with the development of theory and praxis in our diverse communities. During the past six years, the annual LatCrit conferences have focused on domestic and international sociolegal issues through several distinct though interrelated 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, and (6) inter-American issues of law, justice and society.

This year, the conference theme, *Coalitional Theory and Praxis: Social Justice Movements and LatCrit Community*, is designed to provide an opportunity to center progressive social movements within LatCrit theory and praxis. Progressive social movements, whether ongoing or recent, encompass those seeking environmental, international labor, GLBT, and civil rights, as well as feminist and human rights

movements. Concurrently scholarly movements or revolutions exist in legal and other fields of academia, sometimes mirroring the external societal struggles, other times providing a broad lens by which those external struggles may be viewed, as in the case of critical legal studies and critical race theory. This year's conference will explore the successes and failures of these societal and academic movements, as well as their intersections and inconsistencies with, and lessons for, LatCrit. Particularly evident in our examination and discussion will be the role of law and of lawyers in movements for progressive social change. This theme of movements will force us to ask the questions, Is LatCrit a movement? If so, toward what academic or societal end(s) does it and/or should it aspire? What are the tools of this revolution? What is the impact of LatCrit and how is this impact manifested or suppressed? How can we bridge the gap between LatCrit theory and praxis?

We have every expectation that the program will be thought-provoking, productive and enjoyable. 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 Doubletree Hotel-Jantzen Beach, in Portland, Oregon hopefully on Thursday afternoon for the program kick-off!!

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Ward Churchill, Topic TBA

Ward Churchill (Keetoowah Band Cherokee), one of the most outspoken Native American activists and scholars in North America, is a Professor of Ethnic Studies and coordinator of American Indian Studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he also serves as Associate Director of the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race in America.

Co-director of the Colorado chapter of the American Indian Movement, Vice Chair of the American Indian Anti-Defamation Council, and past national spokesperson for the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, Churchill is one of the country's foremost experts on indigenous peoples and their struggles in the Americas. His many books include *Marxism and Native Americans*, *Culture Versus Economism*, *From A Native Son*, *Critical Issues in Native North America* (two volumes), *Indians R Us?*, and *A Little Matter of Genocide: Holocaust and Denial in the Americas*. In his lectures and numerous published works, he explores the themes of genocide in the Americas, historical and legal (re)interpretation of conquest and colonization, literary and cinematic criticism, and indigenist alternatives to the status quo.

Churchill has also written extensively about the penal system, the portrayal of Indians in literature and film, the nature and definition of genocide, and many other topics. He is widely known for his works on the FBI and political repression, *Agents of Repression* and *The Cointelpro Papers*.

Rubén Berríos Martínez, Vieques and the Past, Present and Future of the

Puerto/US Colonial Relationship

Rubén Berríos, President of the Puerto Rico Independence Party, will discuss the campaign of civil disobedience on the Puerto Rican island of Vieques that led him to spend 362 days camped out within the military training center located there. (No bombs landed in the center during this period.) He will address the current challenges presented by legislation and legislative and military pressure to resume live-fire training on Vieques, relating the Vieques struggle to Puerto Rico's status as the oldest colony in the world and providing his insights as a long-time participant in the status debate.

Born in Aibonito, Puerto Rico, on June 21, 1939, Rubén Berríos Martínez received his bachelor's in Economics and Management from Georgetown University, his J.D. and LL.M. from Yale Law School, and postgraduate degree from Oxford University. Elected President of the Puerto Rico Independence Party (*Partido Independentista Puertorriqueño*, PIP) at the age of 31, he has pursued a social-democrat agenda and is one of the foremost advocates of Puerto Rican independence. He was elected Senator at large in Puerto Rico in 1972, 1984, 1992 and 1996, and is a founding member of the Permanent Conference of Latin American Political Parties, Executive Member of the Latin American Association for Human Rights and Honorary President of the Socialist International.

Berríos started his struggle against the U.S. military's live-fire training in Puerto Rico early in his career. In 1971, he led a campaign of civil disobedience on the island of Culebra. He was sentenced to three months in jail for these acts and was then expelled from his professorship at the University of Puerto Rico Law School. The Navy no longer uses Culebra for training.

Cruz Reynoso, "Beyond November 2000: Reflections on the Work of the United States Civil Rights Commission, and a Follow-up Agenda for Activist Academics"

BIO forthcoming

Makau Mutua, "Terrorism and Powerlessness: Contracting Choices for the Global South"

BIO forthcoming

OPENING ROUNDTABLE

LatCrit Coalitional Theory and Praxis Within and Beyond the Academy: Learning From and Collaborating With Movements for Social Justice and Political Transformation

Since its inception, LatCrit has imagined itself as a political project aimed at transforming the practice of producing legal scholarship within the North American legal academy, moving it from a practice embedded in the politics of individual careerism and abstract intellectualism into a practice of mutual engagement for the purposes of new learning, collective empowerment and socio-institutional transformation. In effect, LatCrit has had to imagine itself as a movement within the legal academy, committed as much to internal transformation of the academy as a major site for the production of legal knowledge, discourse and norms, as to the external transformation of social hierarchies through law.

This year the conference program will kick off on Thursday, May 2, 2002, at 3:00 p.m. with a reception followed by an opening moderated plenary from 4:30-6:45 designed to deepen our collective encounter with the project of imagining what it means to aspire to, and in fact to create, a coherent socio-political movement of scholars and activists within the legal academy. What practical lessons can LatCrit learn from successes and failures other socio-political movements have experienced in their efforts to transform legally mediated structures of power?

At one level, imagining LatCrit to be a social movement within the legal academy raises a whole series of questions about how movements are organized, inspired, empowered, institutionalized and sustained over time. Thus LatCrit can learn many practical lessons from the successes and failures of other movements' efforts to achieve sustainability. At another level, pressing questions relate to the relationship between LatCrit's efforts within the academy and socio-political movements operating outside the academy. What can LatCrit learn from these other movements about the significance of law, generally, and legal institutions (including the academy) in particular in the struggle for socio-political transformation? How can the LatCrit community's location within the academy help channel institutional and political resources of the academy in ways that support the struggles of movements outside the academy? In short, the purpose of this opening moderated discussion is to explore concrete examples of socio-political movements and their lessons for the future evolution of the LatCrit movement both within and beyond the legal academy.

The diverse group of scholars, educators, and activists who will address these important questions during the opening plenary are engaged in a variety of socio-political movements, including the Free South Africa Movement, the environmental justice movement, and the gay rights movement. Please make your travel plans well in advance to be present for this important discussion and exchange!

PLENARIES

Political Violence, "Terrorism," and the Criminalization of the Other

Liberal political theory accords the state a monopoly on the legal use of force. Throughout modern history, however, not all forms of non-state violence have been seen as problematic; strategic interests of ruling global powers determine which acts of political violence will be celebrated as the acts of "freedom fighters" and which ones will

be demonized as "terrorist" attacks.

With this panel, LatCrit VII continues its engagement with global trends by considering various symbolic strategies deployed to justify and legitimate the United States' and Western Europe's interventions in the internal affairs of "third world" nations." The 9/11 attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, and their aftermath, suggest the need to re-conceptualize political violence at both the national and transnational levels. The construction of those attacks (as well as other uses of force by subaltern groups) as criminal actions and law enforcement problems risks the erasure of their political and sociohistorical origins. Of more urgent concern, perhaps, such a move may undermine any progressive critique of the suspension of legal protections for civil and human rights in states' responses to global and national political confrontations.

Recent additions to the glossary of U.S. foreign policy, such as the "War on Drugs" and the "War on Terrorism," point to a politics of naming which criminalizes certain social struggles and not others - especially evident in the media coverage of the 9/11 attacks. At stake here is the very definition of (what constitute) proper political means of resistance/action. More precisely, we are interested in the criminalization of certain social movements and groups - young blacks and Latina/os, undocumented immigrants, and now Arab Americans, South Asians, and other brown people (virtually all people of color at this point) - in the name of the "War Against Terrorism" and the "War on Drugs," respectively. The panel will examine the global and national consequences of this move toward de-politicizing and de-historicizing socio-political movements via criminalization.

In engaging these issues, the panelists will address questions such as the following:

Has the distinction between social movements and armed revolutionary movements been consistently drawn? Does the criminalization of some movements depend on their political program and its relationship to international global capital's interests?

What connections can be drawn between the rhetoric of the "war on drugs" and that of the "war on terrorism"? The rhetoric of individual responsibility and choice often stymies efforts to draw attention to the structural determinants of minorities' criminal activity, as well as the interests that are served through imposition of criminal sanctions against them. Could a discussion of how other acts of political resistance are criminalized pave the way for a more critical analysis of the uses of the criminal justice system against "common criminals"? Conversely, could we draw on existing critiques of the criminal industrial complex to develop a more nuanced understanding of the events of 9/11 and the reactions to them?

Armed struggles come in all forms, but should all those forms provoke the same moral and legal response? Does it matter whether the violence is directed at property rather than human life, or toward emancipatory as opposed to repressive ends? In other contexts, critical theorists have challenged the formal equality discourse of liberal theory, under which directing a racial epithet at a person of color is seen as "the same" as directing one at a white person, or treating a woman as a sexual object is equated with treating a man as

one. Is it consistent with the rejection of such formal notions of legality to treat violence by subordinated groups as equivalent to violence by globally hegemonic nation-states such as the U.S.?

What about other differences among terrorist acts? How should we view the Latino activist who was hailed by some as a hero for threatening to burn down an anti-immigrant billboard near the California/Arizona border? The environmental activists who risk injury to a limited number of loggers in spiking trees, with the hope that their threat will deter logging altogether and thus avoid any risk of human injury? The rap music artists who openly advocate killing police officers (is there now, along with firefighters, a more sacred target?) as a means of addressing rampant police brutality and fabrication of evidence? Are all of these acts equally "terrorist"?

Reparations, Redress and Remedies: Undoing the Legacy of Colonialism and Imperialism.

The term "reparations" has recently become synonymous with the struggle of African-Americans to obtain the payment of damages from governments that perpetrated the immoral crimes of slavery, especially from the government of the United States. While this panel will address this issue, it also seeks to expand the discourse to include the plight and efforts of all the victims of United States imperialism. In keeping with this year's conference theme, "Coalitional Theory and Praxis: Social Justice Movements and LatCrit Community," the "Reparations Panel" will center a variety of progressive social movements within an expanded definition of reparations and within LatCrit theory and praxis.

LatCrit theory promotes and describes at least some of these movements. Our work already has focused on land dispossession of Mexican-Americans following the flawed implementation of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and the lingering effects of colonialism and imperialism on the Philippines, Cuba and Puerto Rico, just to name a few of our constituencies. The panel will present a discussion of the traditional reparations for slavery movement as well as the move to recover land taken from former slaves after the Civil War. Then, in expanding the discourse, the presenters will focus on the plight of Native Hawaiians, Puerto Ricans, and Mexican-Americans, who, because of the imperialist aspirations of the United States, have suffered losses of sovereignty, citizenship and land.

The reparations movement, as broadly defined herein, illuminates the central role of law and of lawyers in progressive praxis for social change. This panel will explore the successes and failures of anti-colonialist societal and academic movements, specifically by focusing on their attempts to remedy the lingering effects of imperialism. It will also develop these movements' intersections and inconsistencies with, and lessons for, LatCrit.

Accordingly, after describing the social movements and legal strategies that they are implementing, panel members will address the following areas:

Re/Defining the Reparations Discourse. By looking at reparations through a LatCritical lens, we seek 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.

Borderlands and Intersections. Panelists will explore or elucidate cross-group histories or experiences with law and power, such as those based on class, gender, race, sexuality and religion, so that, in addition to incorporating intra-Latina/o diversities they also contextualize Latina/o issues in inter-group frameworks.

The Central Theme of LatCrit VII. This year's program is designed to encourage papers and panels that center progressive social movements within LatCrit, and to explore the purpose of our collective LatCrit endeavor. Therefore, the panel will be mindful of the general questions that the conference seeks to address, such as: Is LatCrit a movement? If so, toward what academic or societal end(s) does it and/or should it aspire? What are the tools of this revolution? What is the impact of LatCrit and how is this impact manifested or suppressed? How can we bridge the gap between LatCrit theory and praxis?

Community Justice for Immigrants and Others: A Local Perspective on Inter/National Struggles for Dignity

Using the perspectives of local community and community activism, this year's "local issues" plenary provides an opportunity to continue prior discussions on racial profiling, labor, and immigrant justice, as well as to examine such new issues as the construction of post 9/11 terrorist identity and the clash of the war against terrorism with community mores. The panel will blend local legal academics, lawyers, and community activists in a forum on justice for immigrants and other subordinated groups.

In Oregon, and elsewhere, subordinated groups, particularly recent immigrants, struggle for living wages and humane conditions in local fields and other workplaces, and for dignity and safety in their encounters with law enforcement officials. The panel will feature discussion of racial profiling and community expectations, both in the construction of who is a criminal suspect, and in determining the appropriate force and tactics to be used in local policing. Among the issues to be considered are how to bridge gaps between community expectations and government action; the degree of autonomy that communities and local enforcement agencies have to resist undesirable federal enforcement prerogatives; and the consequences for immigrants and other subordinated groups of the terrorist events of September 11th.

Reflecting the diverse backgrounds of the panelists in confronting injustice, this plenary should sustain one of the important conference themes of examining the variety and interplay of tools and strategies toward social justice for subordinated groups. Especially relevant are the role of lawsuits and community accountability in effecting change in police encounters with Latina/os and the use of grassroots activist tactics such as product boycotts in spurring unionization of farmworkers and collective bargaining advances.

The World Conference Against Racism: Material Remedies for Racism

The latest world conference, the World Conference Against Racism, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, took place in Durban, South Africa in August 2001. The World Conference Against Racism, or WCAR, followed a similar path as other world conferences that have taken place under the auspices of the United Nations. The conference, which was really two conferences, was composed of official state delegates and nongovernmental (NGO) delegates from around the world. And NGOs played their traditional role of attempting to influence official delegates to adopt their proposed language and perspectives on the issues. However, WCAR differed from previous world conferences to the extent that reparations demands for historical, racially-based injustice dominated the agenda. This turn of events in many ways signaled the exhaustion of liberal and neo-liberal remedies to racial oppression, and the burgeoning desire for radical solutions to the problems created by the intersection of global capitalism, political marginalization, spatial displacement, cultural appropriation, intergenerational subordination, and racist oppression. At WCAR, the rest spoke back to the West in the language of redress.

The West, as represented by the United States and its European allies, responded to the demand for redress through the familiar chicane of denunciation, avoidance, redirection, and ultimately in the case of the U.S., withdrawal from participation in the conference. Nevertheless, efforts to pursue reparations as a remedy for racism continue in the wake of WCAR. It is perhaps still too early to tell whether the promise embodied in the NGO gathering in Durban will yield global networks of antiracist activists who can sustain cross-border efforts to achieve economic rights and redistribution of the world's wealth. It is certain that such demands will remain far more threatening to the existing order than more moderate demands for social, civil, or even human rights.

This panel will reflect on the challenges and possibilities of maintaining antiracist activism in international contexts of organized effort. Some of the questions panelists will address include: 1) whether world conferences provide a viable forum for antiracist antisubordination activism, 2) whether nongovernmental organizations could have a more significant impact through better or different organization, and 3) what legal consequences can be expected to occur as a result of the final declaration and formal Plan of Action stemming from the WCAR. The panel will focus on the role of reparations demands in shaping both the input and output of the WCAR, the extent to which the WCAR's focus on issues of redistribution and economic justice threatened the existing order, and whether a broader antiracist movement that centers on economic rights and distributive justice can succeed at the current intersection of law, politics, and material relations.

The panel additionally will consider if and how LatCrits and other activist scholars can participate proactively in contexts like the WCAR to articulate and advance transnational, multidimensional antisubordination agendas.

WORKSHOPS

Promotion and Tenure Perils, Policies and Possibilities: A Workshop on Survival Strategies, Mutual Support and Collective Action

The process of promotion and tenure in the legal academy has been a site of intense professional struggle and personal trauma for many individuals, particularly outsider scholars committed to the production of legal knowledge relevant to marginal communities and excluded perspectives. The institutional hostility directed at critical scholars in the legal academy often is intended to suppress the dissemination of critical knowledge. Indeed, the degree of hostility can in concrete and material terms determine whether critical knowledge can be produced at all, particularly when the intensity of hostility causes individual scholars to self-censure or more dramatically to lose their jobs. The connection between the production of critical legal knowledge and the lived realities under which scholars labor to produce it in institutions throughout the country means that any movement seriously committed to the production of critical knowledge must attend to the conditions under which it is produced.

This workshop is designed as a venue for exploring the micropolitics of promotion and tenure practices, as sites for rituals of humiliation and the strategic (and often hypocritical) deployment of merit arguments in the service of entrenched interests within particular institutions and throughout the academy generally. Recognizing the ways in which the personal and political intersect, the workshop aspires to accomplish three discrete but interrelated objectives: to provide an opportunity for participants to share their personal experiences with the promotion and tenure process at their own institutions; to identify the structural and procedural dimensions of the process that could be reformed to increase transparency and reduce the impunity with which the process so often exposes individuals to discrimination and abuse; and to strategize ways in which national institutions and organizations can be enlisted in a project to reform the worst practices and promote the adoption of best practices regarding promotion and tenure.

The workshop is a joint project of LatCrit, SALT's Committee on Pre-Tenure and Mentoring, and the AALS Section on Labor and Employment. Untenured scholars are particularly invited to participate.

Under Attack: Democracies Across the Americas

Once again, the ideals of an egalitarian "democracy" have been under attack across the Americas during the past year, as evidenced domestically and dramatically by the theft of the 2000 American presidential election through the joint actions of Republican-appointed judges and political operatives. This status quo, formalized by law, confronts all legal scholars but especially those who seek to vindicate the interests of the disenfranchised and disempowered. In keeping with the "workshop" format, this event is designed both to convey substantive information as well as to help provide a venue for organizing follow-up projects or actions.

The aim of this workshop on democracy across the Americas is to provide participants with information about struggles to defend democratic values and civil liberties, and to

offer participants useful suggestions about how they can get involved in efforts to protect democracy from further assault, both in the United States and beyond it. Three presenters will open the session with substantive presentations. The first is a critical, comparative analysis of the 2000 U.S. presidential election that focuses on judicial and federalism-related issues, and includes discussion of the impact of that anti-democratic process and outcome on Latinas/os and other nonwhite groups in the United States. The next two presentations are based on two concrete interventions to counteract antidemocratic assaults, one in Chile and one in the United States. The presentation on Chile, where no campaign-finance disclosure law exists, will focus on efforts to impose accountability and transparency through alternative means of exposing the influence of money in electoral politics. The presentation on the United States will focus on the electoral illegitimacy of the current occupant of the Oval Office, and his exercise of power to pack the federal courts. The facilitator will then work with the audience to generate a discussion of follow-up actions based on the interests of the audience/participants.

Progressive Pedagogy

How teaching and learning takes place in any society invariably informs the actions of the society's citizens, the forms and missions of the society's institutions, and the structure within which any movement to change or transform the society will happen. For decades teaching and learning in America have been the domain of passed-down Euro-centric, white tradition. Recently, however, that tradition has been questioned across a variety of different disciplines. William Perry's work on intellectual and ethical development of college students, Benjamin Bloom's taxonomy of learning, and Ernest Boyer's work suggesting that teaching can be scholarship all are forcing changes in American education. Still, these movers are white men out of the European tradition. Teaching and learning are a vital part of what we do as LatCrits, but the subject of teaching and learning itself is too rarely the focus of our collective inquiry. What and how do we teach (or are we taught)? What inherently accepted teaching and learning practices do we unconsciously reify on a daily basis that serve to limit the progressive potential of our own, and our students', actions in the world? Can there be a progressive or even a LatCrit pedagogy? If so, what does it look like? What are examples of it? What do we have to say about current movements to change traditions in teaching and learning? This workshop continues a conversation, begun at LatCrit I, that focuses on critical progressive thinking about the ways that LatCrit theory can influence and change how teaching and learning happens in our society.

Focusing the Electoral Lens: Capturing Post-2000 Latina/o and APA Political Strength in the Redistricting Process

This workshop will focus on strategies for maximizing the political voting strength of communities of color. Data from the 2000 US Census are being used to redraw districts determining federal, state and local elected representatives. This workshop will examine how a decade of decisions following *Shaw v. Reno* relate to Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 in terms of strategies to collect electoral strength of communities of color. Two voting rights experts will discuss their experiences negotiating and

challenging redistricting plans as well as strategies for ensuring effective electoral representations of "communities of interest." Workshop presenters will also discuss questions of Latina/o strength in the contexts of referenda, initiatives and representative elections.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Raquel Aldana-Pindell, Reconsidering Victims' Rights in the Criminal Process through the Lens of Human Rights Struggles in Latin America

Charles. R. Venator Santiago, Transculturation, Hybridity, and Constitutional Borrowing: A Conceptual Clarification

Carolina Stefoni, Cuban and Peruvian Immigration in Santiago, Chile, During the '90s

Frank Valdes, Barely at the Margins: Race and Ethnicity in Legal Education A Curricular Study With LatCritical Commentary

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GENERAL PROGRAM GUIDELINES

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 VII 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 (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 any 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: 10-15 minutes.

2. Panel Presentations (plenary/concurrent/roundtable)

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/Opening Roundtable Commentators (applies to plenary panels and opening roundtable 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 Steven Bender (email: sbender@law.uoregon.edu).

Total allotted time for each keynote speaker: 30 minutes.

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During the past several years, we have striven to implement long-term conference planning to ensure both substantive growth and continuity in LatCrit theory. At the same time, we have striven to build LatCrit as a community and institution to help facilitate the work of theory and praxis both for the immediate term and the longer run. To these ends, we have created overlapping Conference Planning Committees with staggered memberships, planned conference programming to ensure follow-up events from year to year, formally incorporated LatCrit as a non-profit organization, and undertaken various other projects that are designed to reinforce LatCrit work individually as well as collectively. Last year, to further develop these efforts, we inaugurated the Annual LatCrit Planning Retreat, an event intended to supplement the annual conferences as venue for long-term planning: with this announcement. We invite you to attend the Second Annual LatCrit Planning Retreat, scheduled for May 6-8, 2002, immediately after the LatCrit VII conference, in Oregon.

As was the case last year, this year's Retreat will address three basic or general areas of common LatCrit interest: (1) ***Core-Building***, which will focus on ways to deepen and broaden LatCrit programs and projects in both institutional and intellectual terms in light of past experience and collective aspirations; (2) ***Community-Building***, which will focus on the ethics of critical and self-critical mutual engagements in the context of a discourse or movement that embraces multidimensional sources of difference and seeks antistatist solidarity; and (3) ***New or Special Projects***, which will focus on new initiatives or events, including grant-writing proposals or efforts, designed to advance antistatist ideals. This Retreat is designed both to welcome "newcomers" and to help all interested to become involved centrally in the imagination and pursuit of collective and individual antistatist, antistatist projects.

Through this Retreat, we hope to create a safe space to reflect critically and self-critically

on the lessons of our past work and to build on those efforts in constructive, community-building ways. We hope, in this way, also to chart the path for new initiatives or special projects that many of you may be interested in developing, whether as individuals or groups. At the same time, we hope to create an occasion for informal conversations and interactions that will help to foster community-minded principles in LatCrit theory and praxis. In sum, we hope the Retreat will capture or create various synergies that, cumulatively, will advance the social justice aspirations of multiply diverse LatCritters and allied scholars, both as individuals and as communities.

More specifically, we hope this year to train attention on: (a) conference-related issues, (b) the recent and ongoing initiatives in international and comparative law, (c) the efforts to enhance our web-related capabilities and communications-related projects, and (d) our ongoing efforts to develop student-oriented projects. In addition, we look forward to discussing new ideas or projects proposed by individual LatCritters both newcomers and veterans. This last point is crucial: we invite you to join us at the Retreat not only to discuss projects already underway and help to determine their direction, but also to propose new initiatives and how we might, as a diverse coalition of communities and individuals, work collaboratively via these projects to support each others' aspirations as well as to advance our collective commitments to antiessentialist and antisubordinationist praxis. Please join us at the Retreat to help imagine and incubate a postsubordination vision

The Retreat will convene at NOON *sharp* on Monday, May 6th in other words, the Retreat will convene one day after LatCrit VII concludes. The Retreat is open to all, but space is likely to be limited. ***If you are interested, please let us know ASAP and no later than Monday, March 25, 2002 by emailing your interest to btorres@law.miami.edu*** please note that, due to logistical/advance planning factors, this March 25th deadline is very real We look forward to hearing from you ASAP, and to seeing you in Oregon in May, both at the Seventh Annual LatCrit Conference and the Second Annual LatCrit Planning Retreat to bring this academic year to a close with a fun-loving and forward-looking perspective! Until then, have a great semester!!

LATCRIT VII: CHILDCARE SURVEY
PROMPT RETURN REQUIRED

**Please return this form by FAX ASAP and
no later than APRIL 1, 2002**

Parents Interested in Child Care:

The Seventh Annual LatCrit Conference welcomes non-participant partners, friends and families of all ages. Bring your loved ones. Children are especially welcome. To facilitate registrants' childcare needs, the Planning Committee is exploring a range of childcare options that will be made available to participants at an additional expense. To devise the most age-appropriate and affordable care, we need to collect information from parents of infants or children who may need care at the conference (as well as from parents whose teen children might be interested in helping provide such care). Please use this form to convey your needs to us, and make sure to see the reverse side, too. Thanks for your prompt response!

Please FAX the completed form to Steven Bender, Visiting Professor at Hastings College of the Law at 415-565-4865. Please return the completed form ASAP, and no later than April 1, 2002.

Name: _____

School: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Name(s) & Age(s) of Child(ren) who may need care during the conference:

Do any of these children have special needs?

Speaking ideally, when during the conference would you like childcare?

_____ Thursday afternoon _____ Friday evening _____ Sunday morning

_____ Thursday evening _____ Saturday day _____ Other/specify:

_____ Friday day _____ Saturday evening

Will the availability of childcare influence your decision to attend the conference?

Speaking ideally, please rank order the possible childcare options listed below:

_____ small-group, age specific care from an outside babysitting agency (in family hotel room)

_____ cooperative babysitting among parents

_____ babysitting by teen children of other conference attendees

_____ other ideas you may have

Please provide us with any additional information about your needs:

Parents with Children Willing to Provide Care:

To help us accommodate the child care needs of conference attendees, we are seeking to connect those attendees with teen children who are attending the conference with family or friends. If you are bringing a child who might be interested in offering babysitting services, please fill out this portion of the form, as well as the portion above for name, address, etc.

Do you have an older child who would like to offer their babysitting services?

If so, list their name and age, and briefly describe the nature of their babysitting experience:

Would your child be willing to provide those services free of charge? ___yes ___no

If not, how much would s/he expect to be paid? _____

What is the likelihood that your child will be available to provide child care?

___ definitely ___ likely ___ possibly

When during the conference would the child be likely to be able to provide childcare?

_____ Thursday afternoon _____ Friday evening _____ Sunday morning

_____ Thursday evening _____ Saturday day _____ Other/specify:

_____ Friday day _____ Saturday evening

LATCRIT VII SYMPOSIUM SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

LatCrit VII: Seventh Annual LatCrit Conference

Doubletree HotelJantzen Beach
Portland, Oregon
May 2-5, 2002

The **Symposium Submission Guidelines** outlined below are designed to provide all LatCrit VII 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 VII symposium. These Guidelines are designed to permit everyone at LatCrit VII to plan ahead to help foster widespread and diverse participation in the symposium. Please review the following notes carefully.

The LatCrit VII symposium will be published by one of the conference co-sponsors, the **University of Oregon Law Review**. This publication follows the 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 **September 30th**.

This year we plan to audiotape each roundtable, plenary, and keynote presentation at the LatCrit VII conference. All roundtable/plenary panelists and keynoters who so desire will be provided with either a tape or a transcript of their presentation (depending upon availability of funds) 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 for the PC**. Acceptable manuscript format consists of double-spaced text with one-inch margins, accompanied by completed, single-spaced footnotes. The final due date for submissions is **September 30, 2002**, 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 (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.

Since the beginning LatCrit has been a POLITICAL project to transform the ways in which scholarship is produced and disseminated in the academy through a practice of mutual engagement in each others work. The continued evolution of LatCrit theory will depend to a large degree on the extent to which LatCrit scholars build on previously published scholarship. Scholars submitting to the symposium are strongly encouraged to take note of the substantial and developing body of LatCrit scholarship from prior conferences and freestanding publications. A partial listing of the LatCrit symposium articles is found at the LatCrit website, <http://www.latcrit.org>.

Once you are finished, please transmit your essay to Professor Steven Bender at the following address:

Professor Steven Bender
University of Oregon School of Law
1221 University of Oregon
1515 Agate Street
Eugene, OR 97403

Remember, please make sure that you provide Professor Bender both with a **hard copy** of your essay as well as with a **diskette formatted in MS Word for the PC**. We will compile all the timely-submitted essays for the Oregon law review staff to commence the editorial process. Thereafter, you will hear directly from the student editors.

This part of the LatCrit VII 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 an 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 VII 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 **September 30, 2002 deadline** after the conclusion of the conference. We look forward to receiving your finalized essay or contribution by the end of September. Thanks!

LatCrit VII: Symposium Participation Form

TO HELP US GAUGE LIKELY OVERALL PARTICIPATION IN THE LATCRIT VII SYMPOSIUM, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND FAX IT TO STEVEN BENDER, AT 541-346-1564, **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 31st**. THANKS!

___ Yes, I realistically expect to contribute an essay within the parameters described in the attached Symposium Submission Guidelines no later than September 30, 2002.

___ 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 VII symposium.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

TOPIC: _____