

LATCRIT MATERIALS – BOOK # 2

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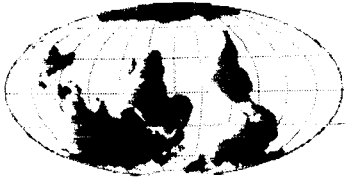
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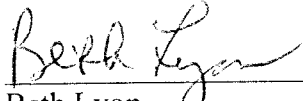
Re: Designation of LatCrit, Inc., Representatives to the May 2006 Session of the Committee on NGOs

Dear Meena Sur:

As the Secretary of the Board of Directors of Latina and Latino Critical Theory, Inc. (LatCrit), I hereby submit this letter to certify that Jeffrey Lesovitz, John Lore, Talaal Salaam, Katherine Senior and Beth Lyon will serve as the organization's representatives to the 2006 Session of the Committee on NGOs. Kindly provide us with the necessary security passes to access the premises.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to notify me at 510-519-6417 or [lyon@law.villanova.edu](mailto:lyon@law.villanova.edu).

Sincerely,

  
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FROM: Beth Lyon

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GUIDELINES FOR REVIEW  
NGO COMMITTEE MAY 2006 SESSION

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## I. Overview of LatCrit

LatCrit is a non-governmental organization composed of legal scholars and social activists. The general goal of LatCrit is to improve society's treatment of subordinate groups, primarily those of the Latin community. LatCrit defines subordinate groups to include any group discriminated against on the basis of race, gender, class, color, language, physical status, and poverty level. Members of LatCrit involve themselves in an array of activities—from research, scholarly publications, seminars, programs at educational institutions, colloquiums, etc.—designed to create social awareness of the struggles of these minority groups. Through social awareness, Latcrit hopes to promote changes in law and policy that would allow minorities to overcome the burdens posed by discrimination.

*Consultative status would allow LatCrit to be readily available to provide expert advice relating to legal, economic, social, cultural, educational, health, race and related matters.*

## II. Procedural History of LatCrit's Application

- Background. Over the past five years, LatCrit has applied for and has been trying to gain consultative status with the United Nation's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). On April 28, 2005, the NGO committee convened and discussed LatCrit's application for the first time. After reviewing the application, several of the delegates composed five questions for LatCrit. See LatCrit's Answers to NGO Committee's Additional Questions in the Appendix. The responses to the questions were due by January 15, 2006. We did not receive the responses and did not file them with the NGO committee until after this deadline. The NGO committee allowed submission of the late responses, however, and we filed them on January 24, 2006.

- January 19-27 session. LatCrit's case came up on the NGO committee's agenda on January 24, 2006. We were present on that date, and Germany asked us an additional question. See Procedural Background Memorandum. We provided our response, and Germany was satisfied with our answer. Cuba was also satisfied with our responses in general, stating that although they were one of the countries that had questions during the April session, they had no problem with LatCrit and thought the organization was doing a good job. Cuba was waiting, however, for "an answer from their capital." The NGO committee decided to postpone their decision until Cuba heard from their capital. Meena Sur, the session's organizer, told us that the committee may choose to reopen LatCrit's case on January 26 or 27. During the session on January 26 and 27, LatCrit's application did not come up on the committee's agenda.

- Post-January session. On January 27, Meena Sur told us that the NGO committee did not find the time to decide LatCrit's application and that the decision was deferred until the May 10-19 session. On February 3, 2006, we received a letter from Meena Sur stating that the reason the committee did not decide LatCrit's case was that we did not file the answers to the committee's questions on time. After telling Meena that we had handed in the responses to the committee, she agreed that the reason stated in the February 3, 2006 letter for why Latcrit's case was not on the agenda was incorrect. A corrected letter was sent on February 8, 2006, stating that the committee never had the time to decide LatCrit's application.

- Recent matters. We spoke to the United States delegate, Mariano Ceinos-Cox, in April 2006. He told us that the reason LatCrit's case was not decided was that Germany was not present to vote on January 26-27. The committee did, however, read the responses to the questions at the January 2006 session. He also noted that all voting countries were pleased with LatCrit, and all would have voted in its favor had Germany been present on January 26-27.

### **III. ECOSOC Requirements**

LatCrit has satisfied most of the procedural and substantive requirements for gaining consultative status with ECOSOC. It may be helpful, however, to keep in mind two standards on which the NGO committee may base its decision whether or not to grant LatCrit consultative status. Part ~~III~~<sup>IV</sup> discusses LatCrit's characteristics and how they relate to these standards.

#### **A. NGO activities in general**

According to ECOSOC guidelines, an NGO must be involved in activities that are relevant to the work of ECOSOC. ECOSOC serves as the central forum for discussing international economic and social issues, and for formulating policy recommendations addressed to Member States and the United Nations system. ECOSOC is responsible for promoting higher standards of living, full employment, and economic and social progress; identifying solutions to international economic, social and health problems; facilitating international cultural and educational cooperation; and encouraging universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. ECOSOC has the power to make or initiate studies and reports on these issues. It also has the power to assist the preparations and organization of major international conferences in the economic and social and related fields and to facilitate a coordinated follow-up to these conferences.

#### **B. National versus international**

In deciding whether an NGO will be granted consultative status, the NGO committee favors organizations that are international in membership and those that sponsor activities affecting a plurality of economies and societies.

### **IV. Substantive Points Regarding LatCrit's Application**

The following are a few issues raised by the NGO committee in its April 2005 session concerning LatCrit's application. It is possible that these are issues that may be raised again during the May 2006 session. For further information, see LatCrit's Answers to NGO Committee's Additional Questions in the Appendix.

#### **A. How do Latcrit's activities contribute to ECOSOC?**

Similar to ECOSOC, the goals of LatCrit include the promotion of economic and social progress, identification of solutions to international economic and social problems, facilitation of international cultural and educational cooperation, and encouragement of universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. LatCrit has determined that social awareness is the perfect starting point for obtaining these goals. LatCrit

regularly holds conferences that bring together scholars and students from around the world for discussions of social justice issues important to traditionally marginalized groups based on race, gender, class, color, language, and physical status. LatCrit members research the economic and social problems involving minorities and communicate their findings to the public. With its expertise on the effect of law on historically disadvantaged communities, LatCrit can contribute to ECOSOC's discussion and analysis of legal, economic, social, cultural, educational, health, race, and related matters. Consultative status would permit LatCrit to be readily available to provide expert information or advice to ECOSOC.

## ***B. Examples of ECOSOC-related activities of LatCrit***

LatCrit is involved in various activities related to economic and social affairs in the modern world. The following are examples of LatCrit activities. Other examples are listed in the answers to questions 4(b) and 5(b) of LatCrit's Original Application for Consultative Status in the Appendix.

### **1. South-North Exchange on Theory, Culture and Law**

Every year LatCrit sponsors the South-North Exchange on Theory, Culture and Law. It consists of two parts: an annual conference and, afterwards, a scholarly publication based on the live proceedings. Legal scholars, social scientists, activists, practitioners, and students from all over the world gather in the South-North Exchange for a period of over three days to exchange views, experiences, proposals and works related to various contemporary issues involving the effects of law and policy on different cultures. Ideally, this annual Exchange will build networks of knowledge that, over time, will help foster social justice awareness and activism, and help to inform policymaking nationally and internationally. This year the Exchange is taking place in Bogota, Columbia. Given its focus on and expertise in the Exchange, LatCrit will be able to propose new initiatives for consideration by ECOSOC.

### **2. Critical Global Classroom (CGC)**

The CGC is a unique summer study-abroad program sponsored by LatCrit for students interested in law, policy and social justice. The program is offered in partnership with the University of Baltimore School of Law, where students earn graduation credits through academic activities organized around five key themes: (1) Colonialisms and Consequences (2) Minority Groups and Relations, (3) Economics and Stratification, (4) Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law, and (5) Globalization and Alternatives. Students in this program meet in various countries, including Chile, Argentina and South Africa, to discuss their own perspectives on law and how it affects national and international economies.

### **3. Annual LatCrit Conference**

This ten-year-old program, sponsored by LatCrit, provides a meeting place for scholars, activists and policymakers around the world to discuss current legal issues relating to poverty, race, and minority groups. The participants provide research on these issues and works for publication. The program takes place every year at locations

ranging from the United States to Spain to Chile. This year the Conference will focus on the legal issues surrounding immigration and how to improve national and international immigration laws without harming the economy.

### **C. *Definition of Latin community***

As noted above, the general goal of LatCrit is to improve society's treatment of subordinate groups, including the Latin community. By Latin community, LatCrit means all people of Latin American descent and not necessarily those living in Latin America. The Latin community includes those persons of Latin American descent living anywhere, even outside of Latin America. More importantly, the definition of subordinate groups is not limited to Latin communities. The term includes groups that are demographically and geographically diverse and comprised of persons having common issues of language, ancestry, and self-determination, regardless of where they are living or of what nationality or citizenship they are.

### **D. *Is LatCrit a national or international organization?***

Although LatCrit is based in the United States, its members are from many different countries and its activities have an international reach. LatCrit has members located in Argentina, Chile, South Africa, and Spain. As to activities, LatCrit sponsors a summer training program called the "Critical Global Classroom." Its last Critical Global Classroom took place in Argentina, Chile, Spain and South Africa. The South-North Exchange brings together scholars from South America and North America to engage in dialogue and interventions about social justice issues. Finally, the Social Justice Internship includes work in rural and urban sites both within the United States and throughout Central and South America.

## **V. *Appendix***

- A. *LatCrit's Original Application for Consultative Status***
- B. *LatCrit's Answers to NGO Committee's Additional Questions***
- C. *Procedural Background Memorandum***

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** LATCRIT  
**FROM:** Talal Salaam  
**RE:** Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, 19-27 Jan, 2006  
**DATE:** March 1, 2006

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### **Background**

LatCrit has been working for the past five years at securing NGO consultative status with ECOSOC so that the members of the organization may participate actively, formally and substantively not only in international and regional conferences but also at UN meetings on matters relevant to LatCrit theories.

I have been asked, as a student working in the Farmworkers Legal Aid Clinic at Villanova University School of Law, to represent LatCrit at the January session for the Committee on NGOs. We had received some mail from the NGO office inviting us to the session and asking questions posed by delegations during their previous session on April 28, 2005.

With Beth's help, I drafted answers to the five questions and circulated them to Berta. The deadline for the response to the questions was January 15, 2006. Fortunately, the Committee staff permitted us to submit our late response which I did when I attended the session on January 24. I have attached the questions and answers that we submitted. Berta sent us her corrections to the clarifications but I had already handed the answers to the committee that morning.

### **Hearing, January 24**

I attended the January 24 session on my own. Our case came up on the agenda later that afternoon and I used Berta's corrections to the clarifications to answer the question asked by Germany.

- Germany asked to clarify the definition of "Latin community". My answer: "Latcrit's definition of Latin community is demographically and geographically diverse and comprised of persons who have common issues of language, ancestry, self-determination, regardless of where located or of nationality, citizenship, or migration status." Germany's response: "We were one of the countries that had a question during the last session and we are satisfied with the answer that Latcrit has given, and we have no further questions Madame chairperson".
- Cuba did not ask me any questions but stated to the committee: "We were one of the countries that had question during the last session. We do not have any problem with this organization and we think they are doing a very good job. We do not have any comments at this time. We are still awaiting an answer from the capital."

## **Status**

Even though Cuba hailed our organization for our good work, unfortunately there was no decision given on Latcrit's status at that time. The committee decided to postpone the decision till Cuba heard back from the capital. When I asked Meena Sur from the NGO Section/DESA that same day about our status, she said the Committee may choose to reopen our case on January 26 or 27 and it was pending until then. She promised to send me an email if there were more questions. The committee was planning to go over the quadrennial reports of the NGOs in consultative status on the 25<sup>th</sup>, and therefore there was no need for me to be there.

I called Meena on the 25<sup>th</sup> to check our status and see if there were any more questions. She said that the session on the 26<sup>th</sup> would be a half day and that there was no need for me to be there. Beth and I decided to attend on the 27<sup>th</sup>, the session's last day.

## **Hearing, January 27**

During the session on January 27, Latcrit did not come up on the committee's agenda despite our prompting and inquiries with the staff. When asked why after the session was over, Meena said that the Committee did not find time to decide on LatCrit's status, and that a decision would be made during the next session which will take place May 10-19, 2006. Beth and I attempted to talk to the Cuban delegate during the session but he was busy and promised to pass by before the end of the session. He did not seem to want to talk to us and left in a hurry after the end of the session. We then approached the United States delegate, Mariano Ceinos-Cox. He offered to help us during the next session and he agreed to meet with us. When asked for his opinion on why Latcrit's application was not brought up, he suggested that we simplify our answers and use words that the committee can understand. He had also stated that Cuba had not really needed to check with the capital but that it was simply trying to buy time.

We asked Meena whether we could amend the five answers in time for the next session; she said we could do so in writing.

## **Correspondence with the NGO office**

We received a letter from Meena on February 3, stating that we were deferred because the committee had not received our response to the questions. I called Meena to remind her that I had personally submitted the responses to the questions. She agreed to send a corrected version of the letter. In the corrected version, it stated that the committee was unable to review LatCrit's response to the questions due to time constraints and they decided to defer the consideration of LatCrit's application till the May session. Beth and I were not pleased with the fact that they deferred us again. When I spoke to Meena for clarifications, she explained that this occurred because of the time constraints and she was not privy to any information on whether a country had done anything to delay our status. The fact that we are deferred as opposed to pending is because that is the only term used in this situation. She explained that we were pending only during the

January session and now that the session is over and the committee was not able to take final vote on our application, we are deferred by default until May.

**We recommend taking the following steps:**

- Simplify the five answers and submit them to Meena.
  
- Figure out what the US delegation can do for Latcrit; maybe speak out in our favor during the next session. We need to send Mariano Ceinos-Cox a letter requesting his help and maybe go to New York to meet with him.
  
- Ask members of Latcrit outside the United States to lobby their representatives at the United Nations to stand up for Latcrit during the next session. The Committee members are Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, France, Germany, India, Iran, Peru, Pakistan, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan, Turkey, United States, and Zimbabwe.

**Dates of next hearing:**

May 10-19, 2006

It is impossible to predict the actual date(s) we will need to appear.

**Some articles on the session:**

<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2006/ecosoc6185.doc.htm>

<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2006/ecosoc6186.doc.htm>

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## Application for Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council

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### Components of a completed application:

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| A .- | Copy of constitution/charter and/or statutes/by-laws and amendments to those documents (pursuant to paragraph 10 of ECOSOC resolution 1996/31).  | <b>Appendix 2<br/>(Bylaws &amp;<br/>“Operationalizing<br/>LatCrit”)</b> |
| B .- | Copy or certificate of registration.<br>According to resolution 1996/31 an organization “should attest that it has been in existence for at least two years as at the date of receipt of the application by the Secretariat“. Please provide a copy of the registration paper or, if your country does not require registration, please provide other proof of existence.<br>[[Coming via express delivery]] | <b>Appendix 3</b>   |
| C .- | Copy of most recent financial statement and annual report.<br>[[To be received in May]]  | <b>Appendix 4</b>   |
| D .- | Copy of examples of your publications and recent articles or statements. [[See attached list of publications – need to indicate selected examples to be included here]]  | <b>Appendix 5</b>   |
| E .- | Completed application form.  |   |
| F.-  | <i>optional . – Organization chart</i>   | <b>None Available</b>   |

### Note:

*The application must be completed in either English or French, as these are the working languages of the United Nations secretariat. All required documents submitted excluding publications should also be translated in English or French.*

## Application Form for Consultative Status

Only duly completed applications can be taken into consideration. Please do not leave any question unanswered, rather write “not applicable“ if it is the case. Please be as brief as possible and do not exceed one page per question.

<b>PART I</b>	<b>Application Form</b>
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1. Name and, if any, acronyms of organization.  
**LatCrit, Inc. (Latina & Latino Critical Theory, Inc.)**
  
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*(P.O. boxes are not accepted as headquarters address, but are acceptable as postal address)*
  - b) Postal address, if different from headquarters address.  
**same**
  - c) Contact phone and fax number.  
**(305) 284-5432 (voice); (305) 284-1588 (fax)**
  - d) Name and position of contact person.  
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  - f) Website, if any.  
**www.latcrit.org**
  
3. Summarize the aims and purposes of your organization.  

**Since its incorporation in 1995, LatCrit’s basic twin goals have been: (1) to develop a critical, activist and inter-disciplinary discourse on law and policy towards Latinas/os, and (2) to foster both the development of coalitional theory and practice as well as the accessibility of this knowledge to agents of social and legal transformation. LatCrit theorists aim to center Latinas/os’ multiple internal diversities and to situate Latinas/os in larger inter-group frameworks, both domestically and globally, to promote social justice awareness and activism. LatCrit’s basic functions are: the production of critical and interdisciplinary knowledge; the promotion of substantive social transformation; the expansion and interconnection of antisubordination struggles; and the cultivation of community and coalition among outsider scholars.**

**Emerging from the legal academy of the United States following a 1995 colloquium in Puerto Rico on Latina/o Communities and Critical Race Theory, “LatCrit theory” is relatively recent genre of critical “outsider jurisprudence” – a category of contemporary scholarship including critical legal studies, feminist legal theory, critical race theory, critical race feminism, Asian American legal scholarship and queer theory. This Latina/o-identified genre of outsider jurisprudence was conceived as a movement closely related to and is a “close cousin” to Critical Race Theory. LatCrit**

theory is an intervention designed to highlight Latina/o concerns and voices in legal discourse and social policy. LatCrit theory self-consciously endeavors both the creation of scholarship through community and the creation of community through scholarship. It has undertaken the construction of structural conditions conducive to these twin objectives, and LatCrit theory expresses this commitment to the production of both knowledge and community specifically as a means toward an end – the attainment of social justice. LatCrit theory attempts to balance multiple factors that conjoin the production of knowledge and cultivation of community, which in turn serve jointly as the theoretical frame for social transformation through LatCrit discourse and legal reform. LatCrit theory's substantive scope and focus have been shaped by a firm resolve to center "Latinas/os" in social and legal discourse, but in a way that foregrounds the multiple diversities of Latina/o communities and that contextualizes these issues within a broad critique of intergroup relations and outgroup positions.

Ideally, the drive for diversity and particularity will help to create an intellectual and social culture which enables the LatCrit community collectively to overcome Latina/o and other essentialism, which sometimes stand in the way of critical outgroup and OutCrit coalitions. This incremental critical effort is intended to promote and ground intra- and inter-group antistatist coalitions by ensuring the representation and investigation within the LatCrit community of various power hierarchies and their interplay.

4. a) Explain how you carry out these aims.

A dual and coequal commitment to expansive substantive programs and community-building structures and events underpins LatCrit, the organization. The configuration of LatCrit's interventions, both written and physical, are guided by a solid conviction that the social or legal position of multiply diversified Latina/o populations from both the North and the South may be understood best when approached from multiple perspectives in collaborative but critical and self-critical fashion. In both structural design and substantive scope, LatCrit's approach to outsider jurisprudence is calculated to nurture cross-group communities and coalitions spurred by intersectional discussions and projects that broaden, deepen and contextualize self-empowerment quests both within and beyond Latina/o contexts.

LatCrit emphasizes a collective yet individual commitment to continuity and progression. The forms of the commitment vary over time, but generally this commitment encompasses not only attendance and participation but also planning. This balancing of continuity and development must anticipate and accommodate the varying levels of knowledge and experience that individual scholars, advocates and activists bring with them to LatCrit events. This accommodation contains both substantive and structural components: it is reflected in LatCrit programs, which seek to blend the familiar with the novel and to represent both newcomers and veterans. The perpetual task of the group is to create an environment where all present can participate and contribute to the betterment of the condition of subordinated populations both in the core and peripheral states.

LatCrit theory from inception has sought collaboration with print media, including law reviews (especially those of color) while also creating collective projects and to provide support, information, and community both to scholars and activists while igniting the creation of a new field in legal literature. By producing a similarly diversified printed record of our gatherings and exchanges, this feature of LatCrit projects advances the antiessentialist principles and antistatist aims of this movement with respect both to community and to theory.

b) Please give examples of recent projects and activities.

- **Annual LatCrit Conferences:** now in their eighth year, the conferences are designed to spur the critical, cross-disciplinary study of Latinas/os as a multiply diverse and transnational social group, and in relationship to other social groups subordinated socially and/or legally. Most notably, the conferences have been employed to consciously elucidate intra- and inter-group diversities across multiple identity axes, including those based on perspective and discipline. The designed approach consciously centers not only Latinas/os and our many diversities in a manner that minimizes privileging any one Latina/o interest over another,

but also ensures critical discussion of Latinas/os as part of the larger social schematics formed in part through law -- to constantly and perpetually balance diversities and specifies there is a rotation of centers. The joint objective every year, and from year to year, remains constant: to incorporate the manifold intra Latina/o diversities and intergroup issues that affect outgroup social justice quests.

- **Annual LatCrit Planning Retreat:** a retreat inaugurated in conjunction with LatCrit VI, and continuing with each conference, to provide a space for short, medium and long term planning.
- **Annual LatCrit Symposium:** also in its eighth year, it is designed to memorialize the Conference proceedings, to create a literature on Latinas/os and the law, and to support outsider legal journals.
- **LatCrit Primer, Flyer, and Brochure:** publications, created during the past several years in response to requests for such materials, and made available in Spanish and English, designed to help folks interested in LatCrit theory become acquainted with LatCrit's works, projects, plans and hopes.
- **LatCrit Monograph Series:** series designed to supplement the Primer, the Flyer and the Brochure with a series of substantive yet short essays on various aspects of LatCrit theory written by different LatCritters posted to our website.
- **LatCrit Law Journal (CLAVE):** peer-reviewed periodical with two issues per year edited by Contributing Editors and a LatCrit Board of Editors featuring both collective works, such as symposia based on various LatCrit programs or events, and individual unsolicited submissions.
- **K-12 Education Project:** project aimed at adapting outsider texts, like those on LatCrit theory, for use in K-12 settings.
- **LatCrit-SALT Faculty Development Workshop:** a new, one-day event, conducted in association with the Society of American Law Teachers, supporting progressive junior faculty in the teaching, scholarship and service aspects of professional success.

See other planned activities and projects as outlined in Question 5(b) below.

5. a) How do you intend to contribute to the work of ECOSOC and/or its subsidiary bodies?

LatCrit seeks consultative status with ECOSOC for several reasons. Consultative status would permit LatCrit to be readily available to provide expert information or advice to the Council or one of its bodies. LatCrit's activities qualifies it to make a significant contribution to the work of the Council. LatCrit has special and expert competence in the area of critical, activist and interdisciplinary discourse on law and policy towards Latinas/os and other social groups marginalized historically in societies across the globe. Because LatCrit's goals for social justice are concerned with most of the activities of the ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies and focus on economic, social, and cultural foundations of inequality and subordination, LatCrit can contribute to the discussion and analysis pertinent to studies or reports on economic, social, cultural, educational, health, race, and related matters. LatCrit may assist in implementation of plans of action in its fields of expertise, by participating in ECOSOC and subsidiary bodies by attendance at meetings as well as oral and written interventions. Moreover, given its focus on and expertise in North/South debates, LatCrit may be able to propose new items for consideration by ECOSOC.

Additionally, LatCrit, as an established regional and international nongovernmental organization, represents important elements of public opinion and provides a means for expression of those views. LatCrit, as far as possible, reflects in a balanced way the major viewpoints or interests in its field in all areas and regions of the world.

Specifically addressing the principles outlined for a nongovernmental organization to be awarded consultative status with ECOSOC:

- LatCrit is concerned with matters falling within the competence of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies as detailed in the application for consultative status.

- LatCrit's aims and purposes, as detailed in the application for consultative status, are in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.
- LatCrit undertakes to support the work of the United Nations and to promote knowledge of its principles and activities, in accordance with LatCrit's own aims and purposes and the nature and scope of its competence and activities.
- LatCrit is a non-governmental organization which operates at the national, subregional, regional and international levels as detailed in the application for consultative status.
- Establishment of consultative status for LatCrit would be in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and the principles and criteria established under Resolution 1996/31. Participation by LatCrit would help achieve a just, balanced, effective and genuine involvement of non-governmental organizations from all regions and areas of the world. As detailed in the application, LatCrit would provide special expertise or experience upon which the Council may wish to draw.
- LatCrit, although registered in the United States, is concerned with issues affecting Latinas/Latinos and other social groups marginalized historically in societies across the globe, including developing countries and those with economies in transition. As such, LatCrit's presence at international conferences convened by the United Nations would be of benefit.
- LatCrit is a regional and international nongovernmental organization whose programme of work is of direct relevance to the aims and purposes of the United Nations as detailed in the application for consultative status. LatCrit does not have any direct or indirect connection to or affiliation with any Member State or related national organization.
- LatCrit has recognized standing within its particular field of competence and is unique in its character. No other organizations exist with similar objectives, interests and basic views in LatCrit's specific given field. Details are provided in the application.
- LatCrit has established headquarters in the United States of American. Its three co-chairs serve as its collective executive officer under the guidance of its Board of Directors. LatCrit's democratically adopted constitution (by-laws) have been provided with the application for consultative status. These by-laws provide for the determination of policy by the co-chairs and Board of Directors.
- LatCrit's authorized representatives have the authority to speak for its members with respect to all issues, as outlined in its by-laws provided with this application.
- As outlined in its by-laws provided in the application, LatCrit has a representative structure and possesses appropriate mechanisms of accountability to its members, who exercise effective control over its policies and actions through the exercise of voting rights or other appropriate democratic and transparent decision-making processes. LatCrit was not established by any governmental entity or intergovernmental agreement and is a non-governmental organization for the purpose of this application for consultative status. Membership in LatCrit is purely voluntary and as individual members. While some individual members may possess governmental affiliations themselves, their LatCrit membership is based solely on the free expression of individual members' views.
- LatCrit's basic resources are derived in the main from proceeds from the annual conferences, programs and workshops, and the sale of its publications, as well as contributions of individual members. Information regarding voluntary contributions (amounts and donors) is available upon request. LatCrit does not accept any financial contribution or other support, direct or indirect, from any government.
- LatCrit's field of activity does not fall, wholly or mainly, within the field of any established specialized agency, nor does LatCrit have a consultative arrangement with any specialized agency.

b) Please give details on planned activities and projects.

In addition to those activities and projects outlined in Question 4(b) above, LatCrit has the following planned:

- **LatCrit NGO Project:** a project inaugurated several years ago as part of LatCrit participation in the World Conference Against Racism to establish a formal vehicle through which to interject LatCrit analyses into policymaking at the international level on issues of concern to subordinate populations in the North and the South.
- **LatCrit Colloquium on International and Comparative Law:** a program begun in 1995 which meets every other year in locations ranging from Miami to Malaga to Santiago de Chile to foster trans-national and inter-disciplinary interaction with scholars, activists and policymakers.
- **Critical Global Classroom (CGC):** a unique study-abroad program in law, policy and social justice activism offered in partnership with the University of Baltimore School of Law; graduates earn eight credits toward graduation through academic activities organized around five key themes: (1) Colonialisms & Consequences, (2) Minority Groups & Relations, (3) Economics & Stratification, (4) Constitutionalism & the Rule of Law, and (5) Globalization & Alternatives; met for the first time in Chile and Argentina (July 6-August 16, 2003) and will meet again the summer of 2004 in Chile, Argentina, and South Africa.
- **Student Scholar Program (SSP):** a two-year writing-and-mentoring program initiated in 2002 for students across the world in any discipline; up to four students are selected as "LatCrit Student Scholars" based on their papers on the general topic of race, ethnicity and law.
- **Cyber Classroom Project:** a project established in 1998, in connection with the Primer (see 4(b) above), to connect geographically dispersed students to likeminded peers and faculty to create substantive educational opportunities not provided by the formal curriculum of their "home" institutions via an electronic discussion list. Like the Critical Global Classroom, this project aims to provide access to critical legal education to today's students.
- **South-North Exchange on Theory, Culture and Jurisprudence Meeting:** a new program, held at the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico School of Law, designed to bring together theorists from various disciplines and regions of the hemisphere (and beyond) to discuss problems in the application of theory to current social problems and policy issues.
- **LatCrit Chicana/o Studies Project:** a project designed to highlight Chicana/o communities and issues in LatCrit theory, and to help build connections between established discourses in Chicana/o studies and LatCrit theory.
- **Social Justice Externship Program:** an experiential learning project designed to provide legal assistance to local communities or activists working on social justice efforts in rural and urban sites both across the United States and across the Americas.

6. a) Has your organization participated in any UN-conference(s)?

If yes, explain in detail.

**While not an accredited entity, members of LatCrit attended and participated in the Race Conference in Durban, promoting racial justice goals.**

b) Has your organization contributed to any areas with substantive UN concern and participated in any activities of the United Nations? If yes, explain in detail.

**Issues of social, cultural, and economic inequities are central to the LatCrit mission. Members of LatCrit, through other organizational ties, have attended and participated in the Beijing Conference on Women, the Copenhagen Conference or "Social Summit," the Cairo Population Conference, and the Race Conference at Durban. LatCrit members' writings, as represented in the eight annual Symposium volumes collecting works representative of discussions at the annual meeting, as well as other symposia reflecting the work presented and discussed at colloquia and South/North exchanges, provide a rich literature addressing human rights issues ranging from civil and political rights and responsibilities to social, economic and cultural rights, as well as rights to peace, democracy and a healthy environment. Thus, LatCrit's work and its mission have rich synergies with the United Nation's concerns and purposes.**

7. Would you broadly categorize your organization as a research organization, an advocacy/lobbying organization, a grass-roots project implementation organization or any other?  
**All three – a combined research, advocacy, and grass-roots organization. See response to 5(b) above.**

**PART II**

**Application Form**

8. Date of registration or, if no registration is required in your country, date of establishment  
*(See item B on front page)*  
**1999 [[Is there a complete date available – awaiting certificate]]**
9. Country (or countries) of registration/establishment and nature and title of authorities with which registered  
**USA, State of Florida; [[nature & title – awaiting certificate]]**
10. Registered/established as:  
**Latina and Latino Critical Legal Theory, Inc. (LatCrit, Inc.), a not-for-profit corporation**
11. Do you consider your organization to be national, regional or international and explain why?  
**Although LatCrit is registered only in the United States (State of Florida), its activities have a regional and international reach as reflected in the following activities:**
- **South/North exchange brings together scholars from the South and the North to engage in dialog and interventions about social justice issues**
  - **The Critical Global Classroom is held outside the United States. To date, venues have included Chile, Argentina, South Africa, and Spain. In the future, there will be additional venues such as Brazil.**
  - **The Social Justice Externship includes work in rural and urban sites both within the United States and throughout the Americas.**
12. Describe the structure and the decision-making-process of your organization, including all administrative bodies.  
**LatCrit operates as a not-for-profit corporation with 501(c) (3) status, which raises funds for educational purposes from various sources. Any individual who supports the purposes of LatCrit may become a member. There are two classes of members: voting members (those on the Board of Directors) and non-voting (associate) members.**  
**The Bylaws (Appendix 2) provide for a diverse Board of Directors and four or five corporate officers: two or three co-chairs, a secretary, and a treasurer. The Board is charged with management and control of all business and property of LatCrit. At all meetings of the Board, a majority of all Directors constitutes a quorum, and any act of the majority present under a quorum shall be the act of the Board. The co-chairs preside at all meetings and have general charge and supervision of business and affairs, subject to the direction of the Board. The secretary presides at meetings in absence of co-chairs, and has charge of all records of the Board and custody of the corporate seal. The treasurer has custody of all funds, subject to regulations imposed by the Board. Neither Directors nor officers receive compensation for their services.**  
**The various events and activities are operated by self-selected Project Teams composed of interested scholars, activists and students. Participation in LatCrit projects is generally open to all**

students, scholars, activists, policymakers and other interested persons, and is warmly invited on the basis of ethical solidarity.

13. a) List the names and nationalities (in parens) of current members of your executive bodies and describe how they are elected/nominated.

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- Mary Romero, Arizona State Univ. School of Justice Studies (USA)
- Francisco X. Valdes, Univ. of Miami School of Law (USA)
- Robert S. Westley, Tulane Univ. School of Law (USA)

**How Elected/Nominated:**

As detailed in Appendix 2, five key criteria are used for nominating and selecting candidates to fill officer and board positions: (1) LatCrit memory, community knowledge and programmatic continuity; (2) gender balance, demographic diversity and multidimensional praxis; (3) substantive platform, particularized goals and overall congruence; (4) increased institutional support and enhancement of community resources; and (5) special or circumstantial considerations in specific times and situations. All Officers must be Directors, and will be elected annually by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board. Officers serve three-year terms, and there is no limit to the number of terms an Officer may be elected to while serving as a member of the Board. Any person of legal capacity who has attended or participated in at least two LatCrit Annual Conferences and who makes a commitment to further the stated purposes of the corporation may hold a position as a member of the Board. Individuals may be nominated by any Director to serve on the Board. All Board members are elected by majority vote of the Board at the Annual Meeting of the Board to serve for a period of three years. There are no limitations on the number of terms an individual may serve on the Board.

- b) Are any governments officials members of your board or executive staff? If so, please specify.  
No.

14. How many members does your organization have and in which countries are they located? Please list the number of members by country and continent.

*(All documents must adhere to the United Nations terminology with respect to territories and countries.)*

**Argentina: 5; Chile: 5; South Africa: 2; Spain: 3; United States of America: 100.**

15. Do the membership rules of your organization allow both individuals and organizations to be members? If so, please provide a list of the member organization(s).

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**No, only individuals may be members.**

16. Does the organization charge membership fees? Is the fee the same for all members and charged to all members? If not, please explain  
**No fee.**
17. a) Does your membership include organizations that have ECOSOC consultative status? If so, please list them.  
**No.**  
b) Is your organization a member of one or several organization(s) that are applying for or already have ECOSOC consultative status? If so, please provide name(s).  
**No.**
18. Are other organizations affiliated with your organization? If yes, please provide a list of these organizations.  
**No.**
19. a) Does your organization have any relationship to a government? If yes, please describe the nature of this relationship.  
**No.**  
b) In the past five years, did your organization receive money or other contributions from a government? If yes, please specify and provide the dates and amounts received, as well as an explanation of how the funds were used.  
**No.**
20. Has your organization previously applied for ECOSOC consultative status. If so, please indicate year of previous application.  
**No.**
21. a) Does your organization already hold accreditation with any organs, funds, programmes or specialized agencies of the United Nations? If so, please specify.  
**No.**  
b) Was your organization's accreditation with any organs, funds, programmes or specialized agencies of the United Nations ever withdrawn or suspended? If so, please specify.  
**No.**

**PART III**

## Application Form

Please summarize the income and the expenditure from the last calendar or fiscal year of your organization using the following table:

Source of Income	Income in home currency	Income in US dollars
<b>Membership dues</b>	** MAY INFO **	** MAY INFO **
<b>Contributions from Members</b>	** MAY INFO **	** MAY INFO **
<b>Funding from Governments</b> <i>(Please specify below)</i>	** MAY INFO **	** MAY INFO **
<b>Funding from International Organizations</b> <i>(Please specify below)</i>	** MAY INFO **	** MAY INFO **
<b>Funding from Private Sector</b> <i>(Please specify below)</i>	** MAY INFO **	** MAY INFO **
<b>Funding from other NGOs</b> <i>(Please specify below)</i>	** MAY INFO **	** MAY INFO **
<b>Income generated through contracts</b> <i>(Please specify below)</i>	** MAY INFO **	** MAY INFO **
<b>Other sources</b> <i>(e.g. philanthropic contributions, sales of publications )</i>	** MAY INFO **	** MAY INFO **
<b>Total income</b>	** MAY INFO **	** MAY INFO **

Expenditure	Expenditure in home currency	Expenditure in US dollars
<b>Administration</b> <i>(If the expenditures for administration exceed 30% of the total expenditure, please explain these costs in detail)</i>	** MAY INFO **	** MAY INFO **
<b>Projects</b>	** MAY INFO **	** MAY INFO **
<b>Other expenditure</b>	** MAY INFO **	** MAY INFO **
<b>Total expenditure</b>	** MAY INFO **	** MAY INFO **



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Ref: 2006 Regular Session of the Committee on NGOs (19-27 January 2006)

Dear Mr. Talal Salaam,

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations has recently concluded its 2006 Regular Session (19-27 January 2006).

Due to time constraints, the Committee was unable to review your organization's response to the questions posed by the committee and decided to defer the consideration of your application for Consultative status to the 2006 Resumed Session of the Committee on NGOs scheduled from 10-19 May 2006.

A letter of invitation from our office will be sent to you before the session.

Thanking You,

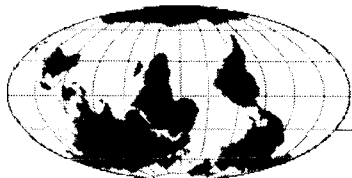
Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meena Sur'.

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Re: Requested Clarification of Application Form for Consultative Status

Dear Meena Sur:

Thank you for your consideration of our application for consultative status and for your request for clarification of the application. We regret that you did not receive an earlier response to your request. The Board Member handling our request suffered a personal loss last year that prevented her from confirming that she had filed a response. Please now accept the following clarifications of LatCrit's application form for consultative status. If you have any questions regarding LatCrit's application, please contact Talal Salaam at 610-519-6417, 610-457-9080, or [tsalaam@law.villanova.edu](mailto:tsalaam@law.villanova.edu). Our fax number is 610-519-5173.

1. How do the activities of your organization contribute to the work of ECOSOC  
- **With its expertise the effect of law on historically disadvantaged communities, LatCrit can contribute to ECOSOC's discussion and analysis of legal, economic, social, cultural, educational, health, race, and related matters.**  
- **Consultative status would permit LatCrit to be readily available to provide expert information or advice to the Council or one of its bodies.**  
- **Given its focus on and expertise in South/North debates, LatCrit will be able to propose new initiatives for consideration by ECOSOC.**

2. Please provide a simple explanation as to your organization's activities and work in the field

- **LatCrit theory is an intervention designed to highlight outsider concerns and voices in legal discourse and social policy.**  
- **LatCrit holds regular conferences where it brings together scholars and students from around the world for a critical and continuing engagement of social justice issues important to Latinas/os as well as to other traditionally marginalized groups from different racial and national backgrounds, immigrants, women, sexual minorities and people living in poverty.**

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3. What is your definition of "latin community" and specify if it only deals with those living in Latin America

**- LatCrit's definition of "latin community" includes all people of Latin American descent and not necessarily those living in Latin America but living everywhere, even outside of Latin America.**

4. Please clarify if your organization is international or national

**- LatCrit is an international organization as its activities have an international reach. For example, one of our activities is a summer training program called "the Critical Global Classroom." Our last Critical Global Classroom took place in South Africa, Argentina and Chile.**

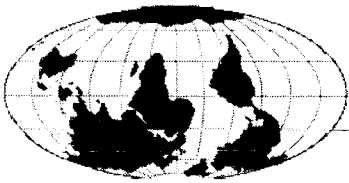
5. Please clarify in simple terms the meaning of the last para. in quest. 3 of the appl.

**- LatCrit promotes diversity through intellectual exchange, concrete justice education and law reform projects. The LatCrit community works collectively to overcome forms of prejudice that are institutionalized in law. LatCrit has used its inclusive approach to promote intra- and inter-group coalitions both inside and outside the legal community.**

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. As noted above, should you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to notify me.

Sincerely,

Talal Salaam  
LatCrit Representative



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Re: Designation of LatCrit, Inc., Representatives to the 2006 Session of the Committee on NGOs

Dear Meena Sur:

As the Secretary of the Board of Directors of Latina and Latino Critical Theory, Inc. (LatCrit), I hereby submit this letter to certify that Talal Salaam and I will serve as the organization's representatives to the 2006 Session of the Committee on NGOs. Kindly provide us the necessary passes to access the premises.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to notify me at 510-519-6417 or [lyon@law.villanova.edu](mailto:lyon@law.villanova.edu).

Sincerely,

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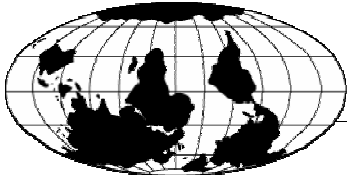
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Re: Supplemental Response to Delegates' Question

Dear Ms. Sur:

Thank you for your willingness to distribute the following information to the Delegates of the Committee on NGOs. We are grateful to the Delegates for their questions on the application of LatCrit for Special Consultative Status. We would like to supplement the verbal responses we made yesterday with the following written response. We will have representatives available at the sessions on Friday, May 12, to answer any further questions the Delegates might have.

The following information supplements our response to the questions posed by the Delegates of Cuba and the United States regarding LatCrit's South-North Exchange. The questions centered on why our May 2006 South-North Exchange is taking place in Colombia and with which entities we are cooperating in Colombia.

### *About the LatCrit South-North Exchange*

The South-North Exchange on Theory, Culture and Law ("Exchange") is an annual conference organized by LatCrit to create transnational dialogue on current issues in law, theory and culture of common interest across the Americas. The Exchange consists of two parts: an annual conference and, afterward, a scholarly publication based on the live proceedings. The first three Exchanges (2003-2005) took place in San Juan, Puerto Rico, at the Universidad Inter-Americana de Puerto Rico. The 2006 Exchange is taking place in Bogotá, Colombia, at the Universidad de los Andes. The 2007 Exchange will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, and will be co-sponsored by the Instituto Universitário de Pesquisas do Rio de Janeiro and the Pontifícia Universidade Católica.

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The location and theme for the Exchange are selected each year in accordance with three criteria. First, the conference must be accessible to scholars in the Global South. Second, one or more academic institutions must be willing to sponsor and host the conference. Third, one or more scholars must be willing to organize the conference. For example, the May 2006 Exchange in Bogotá is sponsored by the Universidad de los Andes, Facultad de Derecho (Law School). Professor Daniel Bonilla of the Universidad de los Andes, Professor Carmen Gonzalez of the Seattle University School of Law, and Professor Collin Crawford of the Georgia State University School of Law are the co-organizers of the Exchange. The overarching topic of this year's Exchange is law, economics and development. The conference organizers received more than forty presentation proposals from scholars throughout the Americas and from other world regions.

I hope that this information is useful to the Committee. Should you have any questions regarding this supplementary information, please do not hesitate to notify me at 610-519-6417 or [lyon@law.villanova.edu](mailto:lyon@law.villanova.edu).

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