

Platform Statement

by Mary Romero

Dear Friends/Board Members,

Thank you for the support, trust and interest in interdisciplinary inclusiveness expressed in nominating me to serve as LatCrit co-chair. Since my first LatCrit conference in Miami, I have been interested in bringing more of my colleagues from the humanities and social sciences into dialogue with the LatCrit community. I am committed to expanding this effort in a number of projects currently underway and hope to contribute additional strategies to increase interdisciplinary participation. I will dedicate my primary interests during my tenure as co-chair fostering avenues for interdisciplinary exchanges in LatCrit's scholarship.

I am interested in assuring the growth and diverse dissemination of LatCrit publications. I am committed to fostering interest in cross-pollination between LatCrit and progressive scholars and teachers in Chicana/o Studies, as well as Latina/o Studies in general. I am interested in working with Kevin Johnson, Margaret Montoya and Laura Gomez and others in making these connections permanent. Arranging LatCrit panels at Chicana/o Studies conferences is useful in recruiting participants to LatCrit X and other projects, and in maintaining connections with LatCrit scholars in the humanities and social sciences. I will foster interdisciplinary exchanges by promoting the inclusion of LatCrit scholarship into journal and edited collections on the Latina/o experience in the US. Daniel Solanzano and Tara Yosso have agreed contribute a chapter on LatCrit in the Blackwell Companion to Social Inequalities in the series Blackwell Companions to Sociology. I am interested in developing a edited book for use in undergraduate courses in the social sciences.

A priority project is the new LatCrit journal, *Clave*. I believe this project has enormous potential for bringing progressive and activists scholars across disciplines into a critical transnational dialogue on intersections of power and privilege. I am interested in continuing an active participation in the development of the journal and working closely with Angela. The project has established an important relationship with our colleagues at Interamerican University of Puerto Rico. In addition, the journal will promote LatCrit scholarship, further our development of institutional support and stability, and recruitment of future LatCrit scholars, teachers and practitioners.

A third area of interest, is the development of a proposal to the Summer Institute Committee of the Law & Society Association (LSA) to host LSA Summer Institute in the next three years. Our past projects provide an excellent model to address intellectual themes, problems and debates in Law & Society from a LatCrit perspective, as well as designing an innovative proposal with greater international participation.

I hope this description of my interests and planned agenda contributes to strengthening our community and furthers communal LatCrit praxis. I appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
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