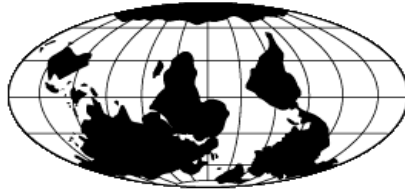


Call for Papers and Panels

LatCrit XVI: The Sixteenth Annual LatCrit Conference



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Global Justice: Theories, Histories, Futures

LATCRIT/SALT JUNIOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP – OCTOBER 6-7, 2011
LATCRIT XVI ANNUAL CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 7-9, 2011

In 1996, the first LatCrit Annual Conference was held in San Diego. After fifteen years, the LatCrit community will again come together in San Diego for LatCrit XVI. We invite you to be part of this historic occasion. Please mark your calendars and respond to this call for papers.

JUNIOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The Ninth Annual Junior Faculty Development Workshop, sponsored jointly with the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT), will begin at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, October 6 (the day before the Annual Conference kicks off).

LATCRIT XVI THEME: *GLOBAL JUSTICE: THEORIES, HISTORIES, FUTURES.*

The global crisis we are living through may well be a transformative moment in world history, whose ultimate resolution will reshape politics and economics both locally and globally for at least a generation. The Great Recession and the global financial crisis have put into question the “free market” road to material salvation. The ever-expanding global permanent state of exception has put in jeopardy the rule of law, constitutional governance, and democracy. While over three trillion dollars change hands every day on foreign exchange markets, nearly three billion people struggle to survive on less than two dollars a day. As the net yearly financial transfers from developing to developed economies approach one trillion dollars, prospects of future generations are mortgaged to bailout global finance capital. Constitutionally protected freedoms are trampled in the name of security. Struggles for self-determination are crushed by imperial militarism. Social compacts are rewritten by ascendant xenophobia. The distributions of gain and pain of these crises threaten to reinforce structures of subordination along enduring divides of race, class, gender, sexuality, and nationality. How will the project of global justice

survive this conjuncture? How will the ideals of equality, freedom, and self-determination survive a time when predatory global finance, militarism, and racism are ascendant? What global progressive alliances are possible to resist global cartels of reaction and repression? LatCrit XVI will be an opportunity to explore theories, histories, and futures of global justice. Of particular importance will be the relationship between universality and difference, and comparative conceptions of equality and justice. As conference participants creatively assess their own scholarly and praxis agendas through the lens of global justice, some questions they may wish to consider include:

- What constructs of race, class, gender, sexuality, and nationality inform theories and histories of global justice?
- How have promises of universality accompanied practices of difference and exception?
- How does formal equality and material inequality co-exist locally and globally?
- How do racial and colonial origins of modern international law continue to cast a shadow on its norms and regimes?
- How have feminist, critical race, and queer theories negotiated the imperative of material justice, both locally and globally?
- How has organizing around identity categories—race, gender, sexuality, religion, ability—challenged or reproduced social injustices and hierarchies?
- How have societies addressed tensions between “liberty” and “equality?”
- How does “dignity” as a human value complement or interact with equality, freedom, liberty and other fundamental constructs?
- How does the equality or rights discourse aid or impede material justice?
- How do global patterns of nationhood and sovereignty trigger the disestablishment of indigeneity?
- How does the question of immigration intersect with citizenship and political equality?
- To what extent have societies conceptualized and enacted “positive rights” and/or affirmative action to address structural discrimination?
- To what extent do international “human rights” and the “human rights movement” find their analogs in “civil rights” and “civil rights movements”?
- Are struggles for social justice and political freedom best understood through human rights or some other type of law and social movement lens?
- How have recent financial crises and political challenges to neoliberal globalization affected social and material equality as elements of international law nomos and narrative?

The Standing Guideposts: While we will structure plenary panels to focus on the theme of LatCrit XVI, we will continue the practice of creating spaces within the conference for an inclusive conversation among scholars and activists extending beyond the primary theme. In addition, the following five Standing Guideposts of LatCrit Conferences are offered as possible points of reference for re-evaluating familiar issues and encouraging critical forays into additional substantive areas which we have collectively utilized over the years:

1. Papers or panels that focus on the multidimensionality of Latina/o identity and its relationship to current legal, political and cultural regimes or practices. The ideal is to explicate aspects of the Latina/o experience in legal discourse, both domestically and internationally. Nonetheless, you are free to address identity issues that do not specifically touch upon Latina/o identity or the law.

2. Papers or panels especially salient to California, Southwestern United States, and the U.S. – Mexico border. Regional emphasis ensures that the Conference's geographic rotation will illuminate local issues, helping us understand how local particularities produce (inter)national patterns of privilege and subordination.
3. Papers or panels that elucidate cross-group histories or experiences with law and power, such as those based on the intersections of class, gender, race, sexuality and religion. In this way, each Conference aims to explore intra-Latina/o diversities and contextualize Latina/o experience within inter-group frameworks and Euro-Heteropatriarchy. Accordingly, we constantly ask how we can create progressive movements, communities, and coalitions that meaningfully recognize difference.
4. Papers and panels that connect or contrast LatCrit theory to or contrast it with *other genres of scholarship*, both within and beyond law and legal theory, including but not limited to the various strands of critical 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.
5. Papers or panels that highlight *praxis* with scholarship that builds on histories and transformative practices of social justice movements.

The deadline to submit proposals is Monday, April 4, 2011. Proposals should be submitted via our paper submission site located in the LatCrit Webpage: www.latcrit.org. Please note that although paper proposals for work-in-progress sessions may be submitted now, we will continue to accept those proposals through mid-July (please refer to LatCrit website for forthcoming additional details).

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THE CONFERENCE SITE

As in past years, the conference site is designed to be accessible, comfortable, self-contained and affordable in order to promote both formal and informal interaction, and to foster a relaxed community ambiance even as we engage in our serious work. This year, we will be staying, and holding all sessions, at **Hilton Harbor Island** hotel in San Diego. This 211-room hotel is located on the scenic waterfront of Harbor Island with spectacular views of the Marina, just minutes from downtown San Diego and San Diego International Airport.

We will send the hotel contact information to you, together with the conference registration materials, in the spring, so that you can make hotel reservations directly at the same time as you register for the conference. Partners and family members are warmly welcome to join us.

Hilton Harbor Island and American Airlines will offer discounted rates for attendees of LatCrit XVI.

Save the dates ... and make your plans

ALL RESPONSES DUE: ASAP, and no later than April 4, 2011.