

FIRST ANNUAL LATCRIT JUNIOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The Latina/o Critical Race Theory (LatCrit) Conference, in conjunction with the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT), is pleased to announce the initiation of a new project aimed at supporting new and junior faculty. A comprehensive Junior Faculty Development Workshop will precede the LatCrit VIII conference, meeting at the same site starting the evening before the conference. The Workshop is designed particularly for pre-tenure junior law professors and clinicians, as well as those contemplating joining the legal academy. This new Workshop will cover (1) Identifying a scholarly agenda and completing projects, (2) Navigating law school “politics” and (3) Teaching methods. Additionally, the LatCrit Junior Faculty Development Workshop will provide progressive junior faculty with a “network” to turn to for future advice. Our hope is to help ensure the success of progressive, critical faculty both as scholars and teachers. We hope you will plan ahead to join us for this important event.

LATCRIT WORKSHOP

PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, April 30, 2003

All scheduled events take place at the Wyndham facilities unless otherwise noted.

6:00-7:30 PM: Welcome Reception

7:30-9:30 PM: Dinner, Welcome Remarks, Introductions and Group Discussion

On Balance: Teaching, Writing, and Succeeding at “Politics”

The Workshop begins with informal introductions and brief presentations on balancing the many demands placed on a new or junior faculty member, followed by interactive discussion of the relative weight to place on scholarship, teaching and community service given the type of position and type of school in which junior faculty find themselves. During this dinner conversation we also will discuss how to succeed without “selling out” your identity.

FACILITATORS: KEVIN JOHNSON AND ALFREDA ROBINSON

9:30-??? Hospitality Suite: Building Community

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2003

All scheduled events take place at the Wyndham facilities unless otherwise noted.

8:00-10:15 AM: Working Breakfast

On Scholarship: What to Write, How to Finish

While breakfasting we will re-introduce ourselves to one another, including folks who arrived late at night or early in the morning. Then, we will begin with brief presentations by a “doctrinal” and a “clinical” professor on how to (1) identify a scholarly agenda, (2) conduct/oversee research, and (3) “close” a project. We then will “break out” in small-group discussions where participants can ask specific questions.

FACILITATORS: ROBERT CHANG AND HOLLY MAGUINAN

10:30-12:30 PM.: Plenary Session

On Jurisprudence: LatCrit Principles/LatCrit Values

The plenary session focuses on outsider jurisprudence, featuring brief presentations on LatCrit’s intellectual precursors in Legal Realism, Critical Legal Studies and Critical Race Theory, as well as LatCrit basics on theory, principles, goals and values. The session then will turn to open discussion and questions/answers.

FACILITATORS: ANGELA HARRIS, BERTA HERNANDEZ-TRUYOL, FRANCISCO VALDES

1:00-3:00 PM.: Working Lunch

On Pedagogy: “Best Practices” for Critical Teaching

This working lunch will focus on teaching techniques, including the elements of a critical pedagogy. The lunch will feature brief presentations on basic rules or norms, followed by open discussion of concrete teaching methods and experiences.

FACILITATORS: ROBERTO CORRADA AND DEVON CARBADO

To conclude the Workshop, participants will consider whether the group wants to reconvene at any time during the next couple of days to follow up on any of the discussions held during the Workshop program. If so, Workshop participants will jointly decide when and how to do so, with the support and assistance of the Conference Planning Committee.

As the Workshop winds down at 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 1, 2003, the LatCrit VIII Conference program formally begins with a Welcome Reception at 3:30 PM at the same site. The idea is to enable folks to transition from the Workshop to the Conference smoothly. The Conference Program and Schedule begin on the following page. And please recall that the Annual Planning Retreat follows the conclusion of the Conference, as described on the last page of the Conference Program and Schedule. We urge you to join us in *both* of these Conference-related events, at no extra cost.