This year, for the second time, LatCrit scholars are hosting a Hospitality Suite during the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) in order to create a space for community events and meetings. The LatCrit Hospitality Suite will be at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, under the name of Frank Valdes. Because the AALS does not provide room information in advance, we ask that you please call the Marriott directly at (404) 521-0000 to obtain our suite number. This message invites you to all our Suite Events, as described below. Please join us for one and all as your time and tolerance permit!!

Saturday, January 3, 2004

6:00 – 7:00 PM Welcome Reception and Informal Discussion: New and Junior Law Teachers
This event is especially geared both to doctrinal and clinical faculty, and will include discussion of the “New-Junior Faculty Development Workshop” that we inaugurated last year with the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) as part of the Eighth Annual LatCrit Conference in Cleveland, Ohio and which we expect to continue this year in Philadelphia during the LatCrit IX Conference in May 2004. Please join us to welcome new law teachers, and to help us plan this year’s workshop.

11:00 – 1:00 AM Latina/o Law Professors-LatCrit Annual Party!

Sunday, January 4, 2004

6:00 – 7:00 PM Community Reception and Open Forum: Current Developments in LatCrit Theory and New Proposed Projects
The Open Community Forum is designed to facilitate group-wide discussion of current issues and plans that affect us as a community. This year, the discussion will focus on the expansion of the LatCrit Portfolio of Projects over the past year: in addition to our recent initiatives, we are preparing to launch a new peer-reviewed journal, as well as other exciting projects that currently are under development. Please make a special effort to join us for this key community/institution-building conversation.

11:00 – 1:00 AM LatCrit Community Fiesta!

Monday, January 5, 2004

6:00 – 7:00 PM Community Reception and Informational Meeting: The Critical Global Classroom, the Student Scholar Program and Other Recent Initiatives
This Informational Meeting recognizes the need to discuss important new programs of general interest to the community that take LatCritical theory and praxis beyond the annual conferences and symposium. Of special note this year are two recent programs: (1) the Critical Global Classroom, a study-abroad program in law and social justice geared to students interested in international and comparative law in critical perspective, which we launched last summer (2003) and (2) the Student Scholar Program, a mentoring vehicle geared to students interested in a teaching career, which we launched last fall (2002). We will discuss both initiatives, as well as other recent community initiatives, and urge you to join us for this exciting update and exchange of ideas on ongoing projects.

11:00 – 1:00 AM A Final Fiesta … ‘til LatCrit IX in Philadelphia!