CHICANA/O STUDIES COLLOQUIUM PROPOSAL
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As part of the activities sponsored by LatCrit, Inc., I propose a bi-annual colloquium in which approximately twenty-five (25) LatCrit and Chicana/o Studies scholars would be invited to discuss recent scholarship, present papers, and review recent developments in scholarship pertaining specifically to critical analysis of the status of Chicana/os in the United States, North America, and the world.

Goals

The biannual colloquium, among other things, would strive to

1. create a venue for concentrated attention on Chicana/os in LatCrit scholarship;

2. build scholarly links between LatCrit and Chicana/o Studies scholars, as well as with NACCS;

3. build community among LatCrit and Chicana/o Studies scholars; and

4. allow for a continuing intellectual dialogue in this area, which would be especially necessary if the annual LatCrit conferences move to a bi-annual format

LatCrit scholar participants stand to gain from hearing about and engaging recent developments in Chicana/o Studies scholarship. Chicana/o Studies scholars also might gain intellectually from exposure to LatCrit theory.

Possible Participants

I propose inviting scholars from the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS) Regional FOCOS, as well as Chicana/o Studies scholars on the campus hosting the colloquium and in the general region, as well as legal scholars interested in centering Chicana/os in LatCrit theory.

We believe that Chicana/o Studies scholars would be interested in this colloquium opportunity. Chicana/o Studies scholars have expressed an interest in LatCrit theory; a few have participated in the annual LatCrit meeting. Indeed, one candidate for chair of NACCS this year
ran on a platform of building better links with LatCrit theory.

**Publication Venues**

I propose finding a publication venue for papers presented at the colloquium. For example, *Aztlán*, which is published by the UCLA Chicana/o Research Center, might be interested. University presses might be interested as well. Other publications venues, including the new LatCrit journal, could be explored.

**Sites**

The location could rotate each year among schools in the Southwest, an area with high concentrations of LatCrit and Chicana/o Studies scholars. This format should help to minimize costs. UC Davis, ______, ______, and ______ are possible host institutions for the colloquia.

**Funding**

Funding would be sought from law schools and other sources on an as needed basis, in a way similar to the regional law teachers of color conferences.

**Inaugural Colloquium**

If all went according to plan, we would hope to hold the first colloquium in the fall of 2004.