The LatCrit Student Scholar Program 2005

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This year, the SSP will bring the Student Scholars into the LatCrit intellectual and social community in four mutually reinforcing ways:

1. Each Student Scholar will receive a scholarship covering registration, lodging, and group meals, to attend the Eleventh Annual LatCrit conference, to be held October 5-9, 2006, in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the University of Nevada - Las Vegas School of Law. LatCrit conferences are open, mid-sized gatherings of about 75-135 attendees, and provide students with a rare opportunity to inspire and be inspired by faculty in law and other fields from all over the world who are doing cutting-edge work in race and ethnicity.

2. Each Student Scholar's paper will be submitted for publication in a symposium issue devoted to the Eleventh Annual LatCrit conference.

3. Each Student Scholar will be matched with one or more academic mentor(s) whose work lies in an area of the Scholar's interest, and who will work with the Scholar directly over the course of at least one academic year to help the Scholar advance his/her scholarly and activist agenda.

4. Each Student Scholar will receive a travel stipend of up to $750 USD to help subsidize travel expenses to and from the Eleventh Annual LatCrit Conference. Any additional expenses remain the responsibility of each Student Scholar.

Eligibility Requirements for the Student Scholar Program

Applicants for the 2006 LatCrit Student Scholar Program must be students in good standing during the 2005-06 academic year in an accredited undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree program (including but not limited to J.D., LL.M., J.S.D., Ph.D., and B.A./B.S. programs), whether in the United States, the Americas, or anywhere else in the world. Successful applicants must submit: (1) a fully-completed application form; (2) a current resume; (3) a personal statement (no longer than one single-spaced page) explaining how the Student Scholar Program will further the student's intellectual and professional agenda; and (4) a previously unpublished paper, authored by the applicant, no more than 25,000 words, on any topic related to race, ethnicity, and the law. All application materials, including the paper, must be typed and submitted in English. Electronically submitted materials must be formatted in Microsoft Word or Corel WordPerfect. Text, including footnotes, should be double-spaced with 1-inch margins on
all sides of each page. Although papers may address any aspect of race, ethnicity, and the law, the following themes are of particular interest:

* Papers that focus on Latinas/os as a distinct but diverse and transnational social group, and on the group's relationship to law or current legal regimes/practices. The idea is to “center” Latinas/os as Latinas/os in legal discourse, but to do so in ways that recognize and account for the many axes of difference that help to define Latina/o heterogeneity, both domestically and internationally.

* Papers that speak to the overall theme of the Annual Conference. This year, the conference theme is “front stage and backstage”: an exploration of the relationship between the production and consumption sides of world tourist culture.

* Papers that bring a regional focus to the Annual Conference, corresponding to the conference locale. This year, regional papers would focus on Latino/a issues in Las Vegas and the West more generally.

* Papers that explore or elucidate cross-group histories or experiences with law and power, such as those based on class, gender, race, sexuality and religion.

* Papers that connect LatCrit theory with, or contrast LatCrit theory to, other genres of scholarship, especially theoretical approaches that critique class, gender, race, sexuality and other categories of social-legal identities and relations.

The submission deadline is MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2006. We look forward to receiving your application!
Inspired by movements such as critical race theory and feminist theory, LatCrit theorists have resolved to center “Latinas/os” and Third World peoples in legal discourse and social policy, but in ways that highlight the diversities of these communities and focus public policy on intergroup relations. As conceived at a 1995 colloquium in Puerto Rico on critical race theory and the law affecting Latinas/os in the United States, “Latino/a Critical Theory” (LatCrit) has since then become a scholarly movement responding both to the long historical presence and historical invisibility of Latinas/os in the lands now known as the U.S. as well as to the pioneering anti-subordination work of outsider scholars in the U.S. and beyond. At all times, LatCrit theorists ensure that African American, Asian American, Native American, feminist, Queer, and other outsider perspectives are brought to bear on Latinas/os and other outsider groups’ places and prospects under the Anglocentric and heteropatriarchal rule of the U.S. and its world allies.

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THIRD ANNUAL LATCRIT STUDENT SCHOLAR PROGRAM
APPLICATION GUIDELINES and PACKET OF FORMS

What to Submit: Applicants for the LatCrit Student Scholar Program must submit the following four items in hard copy or by email by **FEBRUARY 1, 2005 (postmark date)**:

- A completed application form;
- A resume;
- A personal statement (no longer than one single-spaced page) explaining how the Student Scholar Program will further the student’s intellectual and professional agenda;
- A previously unpublished paper, written originally by the applicant, no more than 25,000 words long, on some topic related to race, ethnicity, and the law.

Send Timely and Fully Completed Applications To:

The LatCrit Student Scholar Program
Professor Angela P. Harris
University of California - Berkeley School of Law
689 Boalt Hall
Berkeley, California 94720
e-mail: aharris@law.berkeley.edu

If materials are submitted electronically, they must be in either Microsoft Word or Corel WordPerfect format.

Paper Format: Generally, papers need not be formatted in “traditional” or conventional forms, including the standard “law review” form. However, text, including footnotes, should be no more than 25,000 words and should be double spaced with 1-inch margins on all sides of each page. Footnotes or endnotes must conform to either the Harvard Bluebook or the University of Chicago Law School Manual of Style (“Maroon Book”). Papers may address any topic relevant to race, ethnicity, and the law, but the following themes are of particular interest:

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Questions? Direct Inquiries To:

LatCrit Student Scholar Program  
Professor Angela P. Harris  
University of California - Berkeley School of Law  
689 Boalt Hall  
Berkeley, California 94720  
(510) 643-6354  
aharris@law.berkeley.edu

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APPLICATION FORM

Name _______________________________________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________________
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Telephone _____________________________________________________________

Email _________________________________________________________________

Title of Paper _________________________________________________________
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If selected as a LatCrit Student Scholar, do you agree to (check Yes or No in each category):

Attend the LatCrit Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 6-10, 2005. Yes No

Publish your paper in the Cleveland Marshall Law Journal, Symposium Issue. Yes No

Take advantage of the Faculty Mentor Program? Yes No

Attend the Critical Global Classroom Program in South America and South Africa, July 5 - August 15, 2005. Yes No
So that we may learn more about you, please attach a statement or letter to the LatCrit Student Scholar Awards Committee, no more than one page single-spaced in length, explaining how the Student Scholar Program will further your intellectual and professional agenda.
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APPLICATION-REGISTRATION CHECKLIST AND CERTIFICATION FORM

- Fully Completed Application form
- Current Resume
- One-Page Personal statement
- Original Scholarly Paper

I certify that my application is fully complete and that my paper submission is my own original work:

Signature _____________________________________________________
Name  _____________________________________________________
Date  _____________________________________________________
Email  _____________________________________________________
Phone  _____________________________________________________

Institutional and Departmental Affiliation:

Completed applications should be sent by regular mail or email to: LatCrit Student Scholar Program, Professor Angela Harris, University of California - Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), 689 Boalt, Berkeley, CA 94720; (510) 643-6354 (voice); (510) 642-3856 (fax); aharris@law.berkeley.edu no later than FEBRUARY 1, 2005 (postmark date).