

Latina/o Studies Association

Call for Papers

**Deliberating Latina/o Studies:
Promiscuity, (In)civility, and (Un)Disciplinarity**
July 7-9, 2016, Westin Pasadena
Pasadena, California

Deliberating Latina/o Studies: Promiscuity, (In)civility, and (Un)Disciplinarity builds on the 2014 Chicago conference that asked participants to reflect on the past, present, and future of Latina/o Studies. That gathering and recent events made evident that, while the field and Latina/o demographics in the United States are growing, so too are the levels of economic disenfranchisement, incarceration rates, and gentrification. For 2016 we extend the idea of “imagining Latina/o Studies” to the practice of *deliberating* Latina/o Studies. This conference will consider the meaning, place, and potential of Latina/o Studies in the spirit of unhurried, intentional, and careful, yet productively “un-disciplined”, conversations.

The conference theme seeks to disrupt facile constructions of citizenship and belonging by taking up the possibilities that (un)disciplinarity offers to Latina/o Studies. Thus, we extend a call to consider ourselves “promiscuous scholars” and move outside our intellectual comfort zones. We hope participants will engage the ways (*in*)civility has become increasingly deployed on university campuses to manage critique and dissent. (*Un*)disciplinarity draws attention to structural institutions and neoliberal projects such as prisons, gentrification, and educational systems that attempt to keep Latinas/os “in line”. We encourage deliberation on how we might build solidarity movements, cultivate new languages, and imagine coalitions of solidarity and new aesthetic movements.

Proposal Submission

The program committee welcomes proposals with diverse formats: individual paper proposals; panels of papers and moderators; roundtable discussions; workshops emphasizing participation by all session attendees; poster presentations from graduate students and/or community activists; or other creative formats. We also welcome proposals for special events such as screenings, readings, or performances. Submissions for participation should be submitted through the [conference management website](http://lsac2016.exordo.com) (<http://lsac2016.exordo.com>). Each submission will need:

- Name, institutional/organizational affiliation, discipline (if applicable), position or title. For sessions: list organizer first, then each presenter/moderator.
- Description of format (e.g. roundtable, panel) including audiovisual needs or special accommodations.
- A 500 word abstract, including a description of each member’s contribution for panels.

All proposals are due by 11:59pm PST on November 16, 2015.

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