

EDITORS' NOTE

The *UCLA Chicano-Latino Law Review* celebrates over a quarter of a century of groundbreaking legal scholarship on issues affecting the Latina/o community with our co-sponsorship of the LatCrit II Conference—held at St. Mary's University School of Law over the Cinco de Mayo weekend in 1997—and the publication of this corresponding Symposium Volume. While the scholarship movement which calls itself Latino Critical Theory is still developing, this Symposium is the fifth publication of its kind, and evidences the dynamic and diverse range of issues that affect our communities. The contributions presented in this issue exemplify the pressing need to critically examine issues which strike at the core of our identity as Latinas/os: from immigration to language rights, religion to sexuality, and the panethnicity of our *gente* to coalitional efforts within and between our diverse communities. Of course, these topics only begin to pierce the surface of what concerns and affects us as a people. As a result, we the Editors have made a conscious decision to present all of the works inspired by the LatCrit II Conference. Taken as a whole, these works weave together a tapestry of insight into the complexity of the evolving, yet nascent movement called LatCrit.

While this publication constitutes a high water mark of sorts in the *Review's* history, it comes at a time when our presence in California's institutions of higher education is under continuing challenge. Our efforts and successes demonstrate the need for our continued presence in the legal academy and profession. We encourage you to turn to the opening page of this issue, which contains the names of a dynamic and promising group of individuals who made this publication possible. Of course, much of the credit for our accomplishments must be shared with a tremendous group of mentors in the faculty and administration. Most notably, we would like to thank our Faculty Advisor, Cruz Reynoso, and our wider network of support among the faculty, which includes Gerald López, Laura Gómez and Devon Carbado. Their knowledge, advice, leadership and wisdom enrich our education and make our accomplishments possible. Finally, we would also like to thank Dean Susan Prager for her unflinching support for the *Review* and for our community.

It is our sincere hope that this Symposium issue will spark both further inquiry into the topics discussed, and new avenues of scholarship not yet explored.

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