



# CONFERENCE INVITATION

LATINO COMMUNITIES  
IN OLD AND NEW DESTINATIONS

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MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES TO  
ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF LEGAL REFORMS

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The University of South Florida announces a  
multidisciplinary conference featuring:

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## CONFERENCE THEME AND PANELS

This one-day conference will feature four panels that will address a range of social policies at federal, state, and local levels and how various segments of the Latino population have fared in light of these policies. Panelists are among the top researchers in their fields who focus on communities of Latinos in both old and new places of settlement. They come from a variety of disciplines and methodological approaches.

### WELL-BEING AMONG VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND COMMUNITY DYNAMICS

This panel addresses a range of legislative changes and subsequent consequences, and how they relate to individual-level outcomes such as psychological well-being and civic engagement. Panelists will explore how even policies that are meant to be inclusive have mixed effects when it comes to evaluating the well-being of Latino households, as in the case of mixed-status families and their access to services under the Affordable Care Act. Exclusionary practices, particularly those that target minority populations such as “Stop and Frisk,” also affect community life as social spaces become vulnerable places for Latinos/as, even in their own communities. Such policies do not just harm Latinos, but also destabilize diverse communities by creating perceptions of insecurity rooted in flawed social constructions of Latino/a immigrants.

### LEGAL STATUS AND LATINA/O YOUTH OUTCOMES

In 2012 President Obama signed into order DACA, or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, which called for the deferral of removal proceedings and a temporary legal status for undocumented youth who came to the United States as children and who are pursuing education or military service. This panel assesses the status of Latina/o youth who were eligible for DACA and those who did not meet the eligibility requirements. Although not a long-term solution to a broken immigration system, panelists will address the conditions under which DACA facilitates the integration of Latino/a youth and whether it improves their prospects for social mobility in the United States.

### INEQUALITIES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Policies at the federal and state levels have made routine activities such as driving a point of entry for Latinos into the Criminal Justice System. Whether it be through the denial of drivers' licenses or racial and immigrant profiling practices, this panel illustrates the pathways of Latinos into the CJ System that produce and perpetuate inequalities. Panelists will also discuss another facet of this system—the process of being tried by a jury of peers. Case law is examined to understand how Latinos are unfairly under-represented in juries, revealing multiple dimensions of inequality faced at various ends of the CJ System.

### IMPLICATIONS FOR IDENTITIES, INTRA-ETHNIC RELATIONS, AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION

The growth in the Latino population and the diversification of old and new immigrant destinations have implications for Latino/a identities as well as social relations within their communities. Anti-immigration legislation carries the potential to divide Latino communities, leading to cleavages within the population along the lines of nativity, national origin, and race. This panel seeks to understand whether and how Latinas/os join with segments of the population that face marginalization, or if they distance themselves from groups associated with stigmatized identities. Patterns of self-identification, experiences with discrimination, and social integration are examined in light of debates about identity politics and narratives of nativism.

## PRE-REGISTRATION

Individuals who would like to attend the conference must pre-register through the conference's website no later than October 25<sup>th</sup> at: [http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/latcom\\_2013](http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/latcom_2013). The registration fee includes lunch, snacks, and refreshments in the morning and afternoon.

Conference registration is offered on a first-come, first-served basis until the limited seating capacity is filled. The registration fee is waived for USF students. Should you need assistance or have any questions, contact Elizabeth Aranda at [earanda@usf.edu](mailto:earanda@usf.edu).

## LOCATION

The conference will take place on Friday, November 8, 2013 at The Vinoy Renaissance Saint Petersburg Resort & Golf Club. St. Petersburg is located across the bay from Tampa's international airport. The conference will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude after the keynote speeches at 6 p.m.

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