

# **Beyond Visibility: Rethinking the African Diaspora in Latin America**

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*Abstract Submission Deadline: November 3, 2006*

In recent years there has been an explosion in scholarship that goes beyond recognizing the presence of Afro-Latin Americans and towards interrogating this topic more deeply. Through this inaugural conference, the organizers intend to build on this momentum--advancing inter-disciplinary scholarship on the African Diaspora in Latin America by moving towards research that critically engages theoretical and methodological challenges. Hosted by the Afro-Latino Working Group at the University of California, Berkeley Center for Latin American Studies, the conference aim to create a forum for graduate students to dialogue with established scholars whose work explores the African Diaspora in Latin America, and foster new dialogues about race, ethnicity, culture, society, economy, politics and nation in academe.

The conference will feature graduate student panels as well as a faculty keynote and roundtable discussion from preeminent scholars. Abstract submissions from current graduate students are welcomed on a diverse array of topics and disciplinary orientations, theoretical and empirical in content. Hence, 500 word abstracts should be submitted to the organizing committee via email as word documents or PDF files. Please submit abstracts by *November 3, 2006*. Submissions should include the abstract, current contact information, presentation title and current C.V. Accepted authors will be notified by December 15, 2006 along with full submission guidelines for papers and/or presentations (full papers are due on *January 5, 2007*).

This conference is especially oriented towards graduate students pursuing projects on the African Diaspora in the Americas (including Mexico, Central and South America, and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean).

Specifically, papers that address under-theorized regions in the Americas as well as comparative and regional works are strongly encouraged that suggest the following themes:

- Theory and Pedagogy: New Directions in the Field
- Social Movements and the Politics of Race
- Media and Cultural Representations
- Identity, Race and Ethnicity
- Migration and Transnationalism
- Folklore and National Identity
- Comparative Historical and Literary Analysis

All papers and presentations must be available in English (submissions and inquiries should be sent to: [afrolatinogroup@berkeley.edu](mailto:afrolatinogroup@berkeley.edu) or via mail to Vielka C. Hoy, Afro-Latino Working Group, 660 Barrows Hall, #2572, Berkeley, CA 94720; please check <http://www.clas.berkeley.edu:7001/Research/workinggroups/groups/afrolatino.html> regularly for updates on conference information and registration).