

*****Five College Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies Council Faculty Retreat*****

FRIDAY / February 5, 2010 / 9-4PM

9:00-9:30am – Light breakfast at Amherst College's Keefe Center

9:30-11:30am – ***Conversación I: Re-Visioning the Intersections of Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies within a Transnational Frame***

Speakers: Wilson Valentín-Escobar (Hampshire), Agustín Lao-Montes (UMass), Ginetta Candelario (Smith), Roberto Márquez (Mount Holyoke), Ilan Stavans (Amherst) / Moderator: Frances Aparicio (Univ of Illinois Chicago)

Questions to Consider: What changes in area studies and ethnic studies are implied when we conceptualize them with a transnational lens? What are some of the productive and innovative epistemological intersections that are occurring between Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies? What are some of the difficulties that arise in these conceptual conversations, and in which ways is a transnational framework contested? What are some of the possibilities that are currently underway?

11:30-12:30pm – Lunch

12:30-2:30pm – ***Conversación II: Enacting New Visions in the Five Colleges and Beyond***

Speakers: Rogelio Miñana (Mount Holyoke College), Leda Cooks (UMass), and Rick López (Amherst) / Moderator: Nancy Sternbach (Smith)

Questions to Consider: What should a major in Transnational Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies look like? How might we shape such a major drawing on the combined resources of the five institutions? Are there new approaches to study abroad, experiential learning, community engagement we should explore, given the field as we envision it and hope to enact it here? How can we support faculty professional development and scholarship in the field across the five institutions and beyond? How can we partner with other academic institutions--and other communities--to enact our vision for the field here and beyond? How do courses on our campuses, our work in community engagement, and our current cross-campus collaborations speak to the broader issues in the field? How can we better represent the LALCS field within our local Pioneer Valley academic communities? What are some examples of programs that apply a transnational framework to their vision and how can we apply a similar imagination here, especially in the areas of program and faculty development?

2:30-2:45pm – Coffee Break participation

2:45-4pm – ***Conversación III: Mirando Hacia el Futuro***

Speakers: Alberto Sandoval-Sánchez (Mount Holyoke), Maria Rueda (Smith), Laura Valdiviezo (UMass) / Moderator: Mari Castañeda (UMass)

Questions to Consider: Given the conversations of the retreat, what are the implications of re-visioning, re-thinking, re-imagining LALCS and enacting a truly transnational and collaborative approach to the Five College program and our research agendas? What are some possible immediate and long-term next steps?