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The 7th Annual La Academia del Pueblo
Latino/a and Latin American Research Conference

April 23, 2016
Wayne State University
Student Center Building
Detroit, MI 48202

“(De)Colonizing the Mind: Knowledge From the Margins”

Call for papers
Deadline for submission: Feb. 29, 2016

The 7th Annual La Academia del Pueblo Latino/a and Latin American Studies Research Conference seeks to deliberately establish connections between the academy, engaged citizens and urban communities. This year’s theme is centered on “(De)Colonizing the Mind: Knowledge From the Margins” and invites participants to examine knowledge production taking place in the periphery by marginalized groups actively seeking to promote anti-colonial social justice frameworks and philosophies.

The conference committee invites submissions of abstracts for poster and panel presentations from junior and senior faculty members, undergraduate and graduate students, and community members conducting Latino/a and Latin American initiative research. The conference organizers are particularly interested in receiving proposals that link one or more of the themes below:

- Historical and Current Attacks on Ethnic Studies
- Telecommunications and Social Justice
- Community Engagement
- Diaspora, Migration and Immigration
- Youth Self-Empowerment
- Illegalization/Criminalization of Latino/as
- Afro-Latino/as and Indigenous-Latino/as Identities
- Policing Bodies
- Critiques of Empire
- Interrogation of Colonized Frameworks
- Resistance Through Creative Expression
- Media Representation of Latino/as
- Youth Activism and Empowerment
- Economic Development
- Language Rights
- Voting Drives: Latino/a Youth Political Empowerment
- Trade and Globalization
- New Media and Knowledge Production
- Indigenous Epistemologies and Decolonization of Higher Education
- Latino/a Health Paradox/Disparities

We would like scholars to consider the following question:
How can we imagine our communities and ourselves without reproducing colonial dynamics in order to produce a more just, equitable and inclusive society?

Abstract guidelines:
Abstracts of 300 words should be sent to clasweb.clas.wayne.edu/clas/LaAcademiaPueblo and must be submitted by Feb. 29, 2016. Submissions should include AV equipment requests and special needs, if any.

Proposals will be reviewed by the academic selection committee and applicants will be notified of the outcome of their submission by March 11, 2016.

Student travel subsidies may be available if funding permits.

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