



## DIGITAL REPOSITORY

---

Individual Service

Faculty Service

---

4-9-2006

# Coalition Building Among Communities of Color in a Post "Integration" World

Antoinette Sedillo Lopez

*University of New Mexico*, [lopez@law.unm.edu](mailto:lopez@law.unm.edu)

Follow this and additional works at: [https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/law\\_service\\_individual](https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/law_service_individual)  
University of New Mexico  
UNM Digital Repository

---

### Recommended Citation

Lopez, Antoinette Sedillo. "Coalition Building Among Communities of Color in a Post "Integration" World." (2006).  
[https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/law\\_service\\_individual/1](https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/law_service_individual/1)

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Faculty Service at UNM Digital Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in Individual Service by an authorized administrator of UNM Digital Repository. For more information, please contact [disc@unm.edu](mailto:disc@unm.edu).



**Southeast/Southwest People of Color  
Legal Scholarship Conference**

---

**“Coalition Building Among Communities of Color  
in a Post ‘Integration’ World”**

---

**Thursday, April 6–Sunday, April 9, 2006**



**Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza  
Santa Fe, New Mexico**

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to Santa Fe!

As we have worked toward this event, I have been thinking about the impact the People of Color Conferences have had on legal scholarship by and about people of color. It makes me proud to think of the contribution we are all collectively making toward this body of scholarly work by participating in these conferences. And I have been blessed by a fabulous planning committee!

The heart of a People of Color Conference is the presentation of works in progress. D. Aaron Lacy, Works-in-Progress Chair, has gathered and organized some exciting and cutting edge work. And the quality of the commentators is so impressive!

Sherri Burr, the local logistics chair, has found a lovely spot for us to reflect and to connect. And, she has taken care of myriad details that go into hosting an event that gathers us together from around the country. She was assisted by incredibly competent UNM staff members, especially Gloria Gomez, Barbara Jacques and Cindy Nee.

Program Chair, Rey Valencia, assisted by the entire planning committee, has organized an exciting program, appropriately beginning with scholarly reflection on Katrina, a heart-wrenching disaster that is going to require scholarly analysis for years to come, and an ironic beginning to our conference as we remember last year's outstanding conference chaired by L. Darnell Weeden, hosted by Tulane, and held in New Orleans. As I review the panels, I am in awe of the talent that is focused on issues facing our communities.

Finance Chair, Evelyn Wilson and my assistant, Gloria Gomez, are keeping our finances on track. And, I have to note the generous financial support of the twelve law schools listed on the program, the Law School Admissions Council, the New Mexico Black Lawyers Association, the Hispanic Round Table, the New Mexico Indian Bar Association and the New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association. This support allows us to have an elegant event, keeps the registration fee low and ensures the future of our conference.

We will also look back on the history of the regional conferences as we honor Greg Scott, Leslie Espinosa and Alfred Mathewson who organized the first Southwest People of Color Conference in Tucson, Arizona in 1992. I attended that early conference and as a new law teacher at that time, was inspired by the potential of legal scholarship. This was where I met Jerome Culp, whom many of you will remember as a major influence on scholars of color as well as many other amazing law teachers of color. I remember that was the first time that Margaret Montoya presented her *Trenzas* paper to an audience of law professors. Next year, when we have the conference in the Southeast Region again, I hope that we honor the founders of the Southeast People of Color Conference.

I know that the 2006 conference will carry forward the excitement and tradition of supporting legal scholarship by and about people of color.

Bienvenidos a Nuevo Mexico, la tierra encantada!

Antoinette Sedillo López,  
2006 SE/SW People of Color  
Legal Scholarship Conference Chair

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### Thursday, April 6, 2006

3:00 – 7:30 p.m. Registration  
Promenade

3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Tour, Indian Arts Research Center, School for American Research  
Hotel Lobby Hosted by Laura Gómez. This tour will involve a slightly hilly 20-minute walk to and from the hotel.

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Reception sponsored by the Law School Admissions Council  
Chamisa Room

Welcome by Antoinette Sedillo López, University of New Mexico,  
Conference Chair

*"Securing the Future Fighting Discrimination in Law School Admissions"*

Vernellia Randall, University of Dayton

Gary Palm

Peter Winograd, University of New Mexico

*"Using LSAT Scores Properly"*

Kent Lollis, Law School Admissions Council

### Friday, April 7, 2006

7:30 — 3:00 p.m. Registration  
Promenade

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. All American Breakfast Buffet  
Promenade

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Plenary Panel One: "Race, Gender, Law & Class: What Katrina Has  
Mesa A Taught Us"

L. Darnell Weeden, Thurgood Marshall (Coordinator & Panelist),  
*"Censorship and Katrina"*

Kathy Bergin, South Texas, *"Intersection of Race and Sex  
Which Created Particular Dangers for Black Women as  
Opposed to White Women in Houston's Response Effort"*

Mitchell F. Crusto, Loyola University, New Orleans, *"Hurricane  
Katrina and Blackness as Property: Sex, Race, Status, and Wealth"*

Tracy L. McGaugh, South Texas College, *"Listening to Katrina:  
The Effects of Racism & the Next American Revolution"*

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Tea Break  
Promenade

**Friday, April 7, 2006**

**10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Panels**

**Ortiz Three**

**Education Panel: Beto Juarez, St. Mary's (Coordinator)**

**Ruby Andrew, Southern University Law Center**

**Stacy Leeds, Kansas**

**Luz Molina and Majeeda Snead, Loyola University, New Orleans,  
"Gone with the Wind - Having to Rebuild the South, Again, or How Legal  
Clinical Education at Loyola-New Orleans Must Find a New Place in  
Post Katrina Times"**

**Mesa A**

**International Panel: Craig Jackson, TSU Thurgood Marshall (Coordinator)**

**"Transitional Justice: International Tribunals and Other  
Post-Conflict Measures Including Truth Commissions"**

**The ad-hoc tribunals involving the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda  
respectively, the International Criminal Court, and the peace in West  
Africa are just a few examples of perhaps a routinized approach to post-  
conflict resolution. This panel will consider whether these approaches  
create a body of practice helpful in future episodes of conflict resolution  
or will the norm be case by case resolution?**

**Jeremy Levitt, Florida International**

**Ben Davis, Toledo**

**11:45 – 1:15 p.m.  
Chamisa Room**

**Buffet Lunch**

**Presentation: Queen Nur, Storyteller, accompanied  
by Shaka Zulu, Drummer**

**1:15 – 2:00 p.m.**

**Concurrent Works-in-Progress**

**Fiesta Suite**

***Wicked: Green, Black and White in America***

**andre douglas pond cummings, Presenter, West Virginia University  
Alfred Mathewson, Commentator, University of New Mexico**

**Friday, April 7, 2006**

- Spruce**                    *Can International Law Accommodate the Tension Between Religion and Human Rights?*  
Crisarla Houston, Presenter, TSU Thurgood Marshall  
Jennifer Moore, Commentator, University of New Mexico
- Mesa A**                    *Special Purpose Entities Use or Abuse?: The Real Problem – The Real Focus*  
Neal Newman, Presenter, Texas Wesleyan University  
Sergio Pareja, Commentator, University of New Mexico
- Cedar Boardroom**                    *Native American Identity*  
Christine Zuni Cruz, Presenter, University of New Mexico
- 2:00 – 2:15 p.m. Promenade**                    Coffee & Tea Break
- 2:15 – 3:30 p.m. Mesa A**                    **Plenary Panel Two: “Managing the Tenure Process: Practical Tips in Response to the Racial Gap in Tenure Rates”**  
  
**This panel will use a brief overview of the recent AALS study on tenure and the related Committee on Minority Recruitment and Retention Report and Commentary as the starting point for a pragmatic discussion of what untenured minority faculty, their tenured mentors and their deans can do to improve tenure outcomes. All of these perspectives will be represented on the panel, but audience participation will be an integral part of this session.**  
  
Bernadette Hartfield, Georgia State (Coordinator)  
Laura Gómez, University of New Mexico  
Steven Hobbs, Alabama University  
Suellyn Scarnecchia, University of New Mexico
- 3:45 – 4:30 p.m.**                    **Concurrent Works-in-Progress**
- Cedar Boardroom**                    *A Metaphorical Contract Between Black and White America*  
Angela Mae Kupenda, Presenter, Mississippi College
- Spruce Room**                    *Re-evaluating the Surprise Verdict in Rhinelander v. Rhinelander: The Role of Performance Identity in Shaping the Outcome of Cases Concerning Interracial Families*  
Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Presenter, UC-Davis  
Steven Hobbs, Commentator, University of Alabama

**Friday, April 7, 2006**

**Fiesta Suite**

*Traditional Medicine Man Ceremony Coverage Under Employee Benefit Plans on the Navajo Indian Reservation*

**Cynthia Aragon, Presenter, University of New Mexico  
Rebecca Tsoie, Commentator, Arizona State University**

**Aspen Room**

*The Missing Link: Can Indian Gaming Law be Taught Effectively Without a Foundation in Tribal Law?*

**Aliza Organick, Presenter, Washburn University  
Christine Zuni Cruz, Commentator, University of New Mexico  
Gloria Valencia Weber, Commentator, University of New Mexico  
Norman Bay, Commentator, University of New Mexico**

**Ortiz Three**

*The Role of Student Services Personnel in Resolving Diversity Issues in Law Schools*

**Virgie Mouton, Presenter, TSU Thurgood Marshall  
Peter Winograd, Commentator, University of New Mexico**

**Mesa B**

*Desperate Cities: Economic Development and Eminent Domain in a Post-Kelo World*

**Asmara Tekle Johnson, Presenter, TSU Thurgood Marshall  
Rachel Godsil, Commentator, Seton Hall University School of Law**

**5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Andrew Smith  
Gallery**

**Meet the Scholars Gala Reception, Hosted by Sherri Burr, University of New Mexico**

**Andrew Smith Gallery located at 203 West San Francisco Street, Santa Fe**

**Co-Sponsored by the University of New Mexico School of Law, the New Mexico Black Lawyers Association, the New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association, the New Mexico Indian Bar Association, and the Hispanic Round Table**

**8:00 - 10:00 p.m.**

**Inn of the  
Anasazi**

**Business Meeting/Planning Session for Next Conference, Inn of the Anasazi  
Hosted by Sherri Burr, University of New Mexico  
Ticketed Event**

**Saturday, April 8, 2006**

**8:00 – 9:00 a.m.**      **New Mexican Breakfast Buffet**  
**Promenade**            **Registration**

**8:30 – 10:00 a.m.**      **Plenary Panel Three: Supreme Court Panel**

**Fiesta Siute**            **Craig Jackson, TSU Thurgood Marshall (Coordinator)**

**The panel will look at breaking stories and cases from the current Supreme Court term. The discussions will be in a roundtable format with participation from the audience.**

**Constance Fain, TSU Thurgood Marshall**

**Craig Jackson, TSU Thurgood Marshall**

**Beto Juarez, St. Mary's University**

**Matthew Fletcher, University of South Dakota**

**10:00 – 10:15 a.m.**      **Coffee & Tea Break**

**Promenade**

**10:15 – 11:30 a.m.**      **Concurrent Panels**

**Mesa A**

**Employment Panel: “Coalitions Involving Worker’s Rights: Identifying Potential Successes and Understanding Resulting Failures”**

**In this panel, each presenter will have a common component in that he or she will discuss employment issues where coalitions may be worthwhile or have been asserted to be worthwhile and will highlight successes or areas for further exploration.**

**Michael Green, Texas Wesleyan (Coordinator), “*The State of Affairs for Black Workers in the Twenty First Century*”**

**Sumi Cho, DePaul, “*Embedded Whiteness*”**

**Margaret Montoya, University of New Mexico, “*Employment Law Student Community Coalition Projects*”**

**Cynthia Nance, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, “*Ramifications From the Departures of Certain Unions From the AFL-CIO*”**



Saturday, April 8, 2006

Mesa B

Gender Panel:

Deleso Alford Washington, Barry University  
& Deseriee Kennedy, Tennessee (Coordinators)

*Untying the Gordian Knot, Rethinking The Intersection of Gender, Race, Heterosexism, Class, Culture, and Law*

This panel explores the ways in which gender, race, heterosexism, class, and culture intersect to create frameworks and institutions that subordinate. The panelists will explore contemporary issues such as abortion and reproductive rights, heterosexism, prosecutorial discretion, Katrina, and the commodification of race and sex in the workplace. The panel will raise questions about how to slice through the Gordian knot of interlocking oppressions in order to empower others and facilitate positive change and social justice.

Darren Hutchinson, American, "*Racial Exhaustion*"

Zanita Fenton, Miami, "*Adopting Abortion: Race Politics, Reproduction & Social Control*"

Tamara Lawson, St. Thomas, "*The Exercise of Prosecutorial Discretion for Crimes Against Women: Realizing a New Era of Enforcement*"

Rhonda Reaves, Florida A&M, "*Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, Am I Too Unattractive for this Job? Corporate Imaging and the Commodification of Race and Sex in the Workplace*"

Verna Williams, Cincinnati, "*Private Choices, Public Consequences: Examining Public Education Reform through a Feminist Lens*"

11:45 – 1:15 p.m.  
Chamisa Room

Buffet Lunch

Keynote Address: Professor Michael Olivas, University of Houston, "*The Arc of Latino Lawyering: From Padre Martinez to Alberto Gonzales – Implications for Advocacy By and About People of Color*"

1:15 – 2:00 p.m.  
Mesa B

Concurrent Works-in-Progress

*The American Dream and the Demise of an American Beach: The Legal Separation and Displacement of African-Americans from a Historically Black Beach*

Kamille Wolff, Presenter, Florida Coastal University  
Eileen Guana, Commentator, University of New Mexico

**Saturday, April 8, 2006**

- Fiesta Suite**      *Restoring the Bundle of Rights: Preserving Heirs' Property in Coastal South Carolina*  
Faith Rivers, Presenter, Vermont  
Alfred Mathewson, Commentator, University of New Mexico
- Spruce**      *21st Century Pillow Talk: Applicability of the Marital Communications Privilege to Electronic Mail and Text Messaging*  
Mikah Story, Presenter, University of Missouri-Kansas City  
Marsha Baum, Commentator, University of New Mexico
- Cedar Boardroom**      *Euthanasia: Ethics and the Law*  
Constance Fain, Presenter, TSU Thurgood Marshall  
Herb Fain, Presenter, Houston Graduate School of Technology  
Rob Schwartz, Commentator, University of New Mexico
- Ortiz One**      *TBA*  
Rhonda Reeves, Presenter, Florida A & M University  
Cynthia Nance, Commentator, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
- Ortiz Two**      *Throwing the Baby Out with the Bathwater: The Polemics of Same-Sex Adoptions*  
Tanya Washington, Presenter, Georgia State University  
Steven Homer, Commentator, University of New Mexico
- Ortiz Three**      *Partners in Business*  
Evan S. Hobbs, Presenter, University of New Mexico  
Mitchell F. Crusto, Commentator, Loyola University, New Orleans
- 2:00 – 2:15 p.m.**      **Coffee & Tea Break**
- Promenade**
- 2:15 - 3:30 p.m.**      **Concurrent Panels**
- Mesa B**
- Criminal Panel: “Perspectives on the Death Penalty”**
- The panel focuses on the implications of the death penalty with respect to race/ethnicity, class, age, and mental capacity.**
- Dwight Aarons, Tennessee, "*Evolving Standards of Decency: A Doctrine In Search of a Standard?*"**
- Tom Kleven, TSU Thurgood Marshall (Co-coordinator), "*Is Capital Punishment Immoral Even If It Does Deter Murder?*"**
- Lupe Salinas, TSU Thurgood Marshall (Co-coordinator), "*Why I Am Ambivalent About the Death Penalty: Perspectives of a Former Judge*"**

Saturday, April 8, 2006

Mesa A

**Legal History Panel: “Looking to the Past to Design a Different Future: Communities of Color in Legal History”**

**Evelyn L. Wilson, Southern University and Gloria Valencia-Weber, University of New Mexico (Coordinators)**

**Each panel member will explore a historical experience for a community of color and discuss its continuing implications. Contemporary historical research reveals new information and perspectives on the relationships between indigenous peoples in the Eastern U.S. and African-Americans; the justice system of Louisiana in the Reconstruction period; the internal perspective on the gender discrimination challenged in *Santa Clara Pueblo v. Martinez*; and the pre-Civil War experimentation on three slave women that generated gynecological knowledge benefiting all women.**

**Sherri Nicole Thomas, University of New Mexico, “*Convergence and Divergence: A Historical Survey of U.S. Eastern Indigenous and Black Relations*”**

**Gloria Valencia-Weber, University of New Mexico, “*The Internal Voice in History and Law: Reconsidering Santa Clara Pueblo v. Martinez and Gender in Pueblo Membership*”**

**Deleso Alford Washington, Barry University, “*The Medical Specialty of Gynecology's Debt: The Legal Her-story of Anarcha, Betsey and Lucy*”**

**Evelyn L. Wilson, Southern University, “*Louisiana's Reconstruction Justices*”**

**4:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
Hotel Lobby**

**Laura Gómez and others will lead a walking tour of the Santa Fe Plaza and nearby area for conference participants (meet in the hotel lobby at 4 p.m.). The tour will emphasize historical and architectural sites related to Santa Fe's history as the governing capitol under Spain, during the Pueblo Revolt period, under Mexico, and under the U.S. beginning in 1846.**

**Thanks to the following Committee  
Members for their contributions**

**Antoinette Sedillo López, University of New Mexico, Conference Chair**  
**Sherri Burr, University of New Mexico, Local Logistics Chair**  
**D. Aaron Lacy, Barry University, Works-In-Progress, Chair**  
**Rey Valencia, St. Mary's University, Program Chair**  
**Evelyn L. Wilson, Southern University, Finance Chair**  
**Mitchell F. Crusto, Loyola University, New Orleans**  
**Wendy Scott, Tulane University**  
**Beto Juarez, St. Mary's University**  
**L. Darnell Weeden, TSU, Thurgood Marshall**  
**Brian Fair, University of Alabama**  
**Deseriee A. Kennedy, University of Tennessee**  
**Deleso Alford Washington, American University**  
**Gloria Valencia-Weber, University of New Mexico**  
**Bernadette Hartfield, Georgia State University**  
**Steven Hobbs, University of Alabama**  
**Lupe Salinas, TSU, Thurgood Marshall**  
**Thomas Kleven, TSU, Thurgood Marshall**  
**Michael Green, Texas Wesleyan**  
**Craig Jackson, TSU, Thurgood Marshall**  
**Laura Gómez, University of New Mexico**  
**John LaVelle, University of New Mexico**

**Special Thanks  
to  
Peter Winograd and  
Dean Suellyn Scarnecchia  
for their support.**

**The Organizing Committee thanks the following individuals and organizations who have donated money or in-kind contributions.**

---

**Law School Sponsors**

---

**University of Alabama School of Law (Kenneth Randall, Dean)**  
**University of Denver Sturm College of Law (Mary Rickerson, Dean)**  
**Georgia State University College of Law (Steven Kaminshine, Dean)**  
**Mississippi College of Law (James Rosenblatt, Dean)**  
**University of New Mexico School of Law (Suellyn Scarnecchia, Dean)**  
**University of Oklahoma College of Law (Andrew Coats, Dean)**  
**Stetson University College of Law (Darby Dickerson, Dean)**  
**South Texas College of Law (James Alfini, Dean)**  
**St. Mary's University of San Antonio School of Law (Bill Piatt, Dean)**  
**University of Tennessee College of Law (Thomas Galligan, Dean)**  
**Texas Wesleyan University School of Law (Frederick Slabach, Dean)**  
**TSU, Thurgood Marshall School of Law (McKen Carrington, Dean)**

---

**Reception Sponsors**

---

**Law School Admissions Counsel (Kent Lollis)**  
**New Mexico Black Lawyers Association (Randilynn Lord, President, and Raymond Hamilton, Immediate Past President)**  
**New Mexico Indian Bar Association (Melanie Patten Fritzsche, President)**  
**New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association (Rosalie Fragoso, President)**  
**Hispanic Round Table (Evangline Trujillo)**

---

**In –Kind Contributors**

---

**Andrew Smith Gallery (Andrew Smith, Esq.)**  
**Aspen Publishers**  
**Peter Winograd (Associate Dean Emeritus, UNM School of Law)**  
**West Publishing**