

**Latinos and Public Policy in Texas
April 11-12, 2008**

Program at a Glance

Texas Union, Texas Governors' Room, 3.116

Friday, April 11

- 8:30 Meet in hotel lobby for shuttle bus
- 9:00 to 9:30 Coffee, Pastries, and Yogurt
- 9:30 to 10:15 Welcome and Introduction
- 10:15 to 11:45 Panel I: Education
- 11:45 Walk to Campus Club for lunch
- 12 to 1:30 Lunch at Campus Club
- 1:45 to 3:15 Panel II: Language, Children, and Seniors
- 3:30 to 5:00 Panel III: Political Geography
- 5:30 Shuttle bus to hotel
- 7:00 Shuttle bus from hotel to restaurant
- 9:00 Shuttle Bus from restaurant to hotel

Saturday, April 12

- 9:30 Meet in hotel lobby for shuttle bus
- 10:00 Coffee, Pastries, and Yogurt
- 10:00 to 11:00 Panel IV: Health Care
- 11:15 to 12:30 Panel V: Poverty, Jobs, and Crime
- 12:30 to 1:00 Conclusion
- 1:00 Shuttle bus to hotel; end of conference

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Department of Political Science, University of Houston

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Welcome and Introduction

David Leal, Department of Government, UT Austin

Robert Lineberry, Department of Political Science, University of Houston

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Dr. Richard Flores, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts, UT Austin

10:15 to 11:45

Panel I: Education Policy

“Tejanos, TAKS, and Taxes: The Politics of K-12 Education Policy”

Kenneth J. Meier, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University

Erin Melton, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University

“Hispanics, Higher Education and the Texas Top 10 Percent Law”

Marta Tienda, Department of Sociology, Princeton University

Angel Harris, Department of Sociology, Princeton University

“A Matter of Degrees: Access and Success in Higher Education”

Alisa Hicklin, Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma

Victor Saenz, College of Education, University of Texas at Austin

12 noon to 1:30

Lunch

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Panel II: Language, Children, and Seniors

“Language Issues and Labor Market Outcomes among Hispanics in Texas”

Marie T. Mora, Department of Economics and Finance, University of Texas-Pan American

Alberto Dávila, Department of Economics and Finance, University of Texas-Pan American

“Public Policy and Texas’ Latino Children”

Elizabeth Rigby, Department of Political Science, University of Houston

Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Department of Sociology, Rice University

“Caring for the Elderly of Mexican-Origins in Texas: Where Does the Burden Fall?”

Jacqueline Angel, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin

Ronald Angel, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin

3:30 to 5:00

Panel III: Political Geography

“Latinos, Latinas, and Public Policy at the Texas-Mexico Border”

Kathy Staudt, Department of Political Science, University of Texas at El Paso

**“A Regional Analysis of Environmental Policy Impacts and
Latino Environmental Activism in Texas”**

John P. Tiefenbacher, Department of Geography, Texas State University

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Panel IV: Health Care

“Latinos and Health Policy Challenges in Texas”

Jose Pagan, Department of Economics and Finance, University of Texas-Pan American

“Latino Mental Health”

Delia H. Saldana, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

11:15 to 12:30

Panel V: Poverty, Jobs, and Crime

“The Downside of Devolution: Welfare Policy and Hispanic Poverty in Texas”

Harrell Rodgers, Department of Political Science, University of Houston

“Latinos in the Texas Labor Market”

Pia Orrenius, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Madeline Zavodny, Department of Economics, Agnes Scott College

“Crime and Criminal Justice”

Ramiro Martinez, School of Policy and Management, Florida International University

Jeff Cancino, University of Texas at San Antonio

Jake Stowell, University of Massachusetts Lowell

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Conclusion

**“Voter Attitudes on Public Policy Issues in Texas:
A Comparison of Latino and Non-Hispanic Response Patterns”**

Richard Murray, Department of Political Science, University of Houston

Jeronimo Cortina, Department of Political Science, University of Houston

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Concluding Remarks

David Leal & Robert Lineberry