

Latinos and the 2008 Elections
April 24-25, 2009

Department of Government Conference Room, BATTTS 5.108

Friday, April 24

9:30-9:45

Welcome and Introduction

David Leal, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin

Panel I: 9:45 to 11:15

“National Overview”

Louis DeSipio, Department of Political Science and Chicano/Latino Studies, University of California, Irvine

“Mobilizing Latinos in 2008”

Melissa Michelson, Department of Political Science, California State University, East Bay

Ricardo Ramirez, Department of Political Science, University of Southern California

Panel II: 1:30 to 3:00

“California and the 2008 Elections”

Marisa Abrajano, Department of Political Science, University of California, San Diego

Fernando Guerra, Department of Political Science, Loyola Marymount University

“Arizona and the 2008 Elections”

Rodolfo Espino, School of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University

Lisa Magaña, Department of Transborder Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies, Arizona State University

**“Small States with Big Voices: Growing Latino Voices in
Politically Influential States”**

Christina Bejarano, Department of Political Science, University of Kansas

Rene Rocha, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa

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Panel III: 3:15 to 4:45

“An Assessment of Latino/a Politics in Colorado, 2008”

Eric Gonzalez-Juenke, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado
Anna Sampaio, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado at Denver

“Latinos and Obama: An Illinois Electorate in Transition”

Jaime Dominguez, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University
Victoria DeFrancesco Soto, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University

“Latinos and the Primary Campaigns”

Matt Barreto, Department of Political Science, University of Washington
Marcela Garcia Castañon, Department of Political Science, University of Washington
Stephen Nuño, Department of Politics and International Affairs, Northern Arizona University

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Panel IV: 9:45 to 11:15

“Shifting Tides: Florida’s Hispanics”

Dario Moreno, Department of Political Science, Florida International University

Maria Ilcheva, Department of Political Science, Florida International University

“Hispanos in the 2008 Elections in New Mexico”

F. Chris Garcia, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico

Christine Sierra, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico

Gabriel Sanchez, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico

**“New York, Puerto Rico and the Boricua Factor: Latino Diversity, Migration,
Colonial Politics, and the 2008 Vote”**

Angelo Falcón, National Institute for Latino Policy

Panel V: 1:30 to 2:30

“Texas in the 2008 Presidential Election: The Reawakening of a Forgotten State?”

Jeronimo Cortina, Department of Political Science, University of Houston

Jessica Lavariega Monforti, Department of Political Science, University of Texas – Pan American

“Summary: Latinos in the 2008 Elections”

Rodolfo de la Garza, Department of Political Science, Columbia University

2:30

Concluding Remarks

Louis DeSipio, Department of Political Science and Chicano/Latino Studies, University of California, Irvine