

LLS 296: Topics Latina/o Studies

Spring 2009

Monday & Wednesday, 1:00–2:20pm

170 Wohlers Hall

Topic: “Latina/o Cultural Space, Place and Practice on Campus: Historical and Contemporary Manifestations”

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This course will examine how Latina/o spaces, places, and practices on the Illinois campus are constructed and contested throughout. Beginning with the student activism that led to the founding of La Casa Cultural Latina in 1974 to the present conversations around “diversity” and “multiculturalism,” we look at people and processes that have contributed to the Latina/o-ization of parts of campus. This course will be held in conjunction with the Ethnography of the University Initiative (EUI) Project; each student will conduct an oral history and/or ethnographic project which examines an aspect of when, where and how Latina/o ethnicities construct and are constructed within institutional culture. The topics and reading assignments of this [syllabus](#) are subject to change based upon the interests of class members.

EUI courses involve students in the research mission of the University of Illinois by engaging them...in rigorous ethnographic study of the university as an institution." (EOTU Cross-Campus Initiative Progress Report, January 21, 2005). We will have the opportunity to contribute the semester's course inquiry pages to the EUI archives so that future students/scholars can build upon our scholarship. During the beginning of the semester you will be trained on MOODLE in order to be able to do this. Visit <http://www.eui.uiuc.edu/> to familiarize yourself with the EUI initiative.

There will be a EUI Spring Student Mini-Conference on Thursday, April 30th, 3–8 pm (room tba). You will be contacted by mid-semester with a call for participation (either a short 7 minute presentation or a poster). The application deadline for the conference is April 15th.