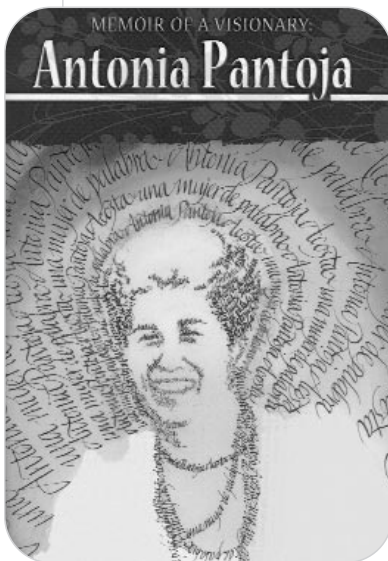


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Centro Tribute to Dr. Antonia Pantoja

On the evening of June 7th, the Centro hosted a book reading to celebrate the publication of "Memoir of a Visionary: Antonia Pantoja", the autobiography of Dr. Antonia Pantoja. As many in the Puerto Rican and Latino community are aware, Dr.



Pantoja had passed away in May and could not attend the event to launch her long-awaited autobiography. Dr. Pantoja was the founder of the leading Puerto Rican educational policy organization ASPIRA, initiator of seminal legal challenges to the New York public schools (challenges which took the Puerto Rican community to court to secure needed educational gains for Latino New Yorkers), and the first Puerto Rican woman to receive the presidential Medal of Freedom during the Clinton administration. For more on Dr. Pantoja's life and accomplishments go to: <www.aspira.org/pantoja.htm>.

For the event, several prominent women read key segments of the autobiography. The readers included Miriam Colon (actress), Nicholasa Mohr (writer), Lillian Jimenez (filmmaker), Dr. Sonia Nieto (educator), and Dr. Wilhelmina Perry (educator and Dr. Pantoja's partner). The night also included a beautiful video tribute to Antonia "Toni" Pantoja, the person, produced by Lillian Jimenez and her staff at the Latino Education Media Center. Hunter College President, Jennifer Raab, spoke to the audience about her pride

that Dr. Pantoja had been a Hunter graduate and that her personal papers would become part of the Centro's Archives.

The book reading was organized in partnership with Arte Público Press, the nation's leading Latino content book publisher, and with Washington Mutual Bank (WAMU). Dr. Pantoja's memoirs were published as part of a Rockefeller—and Mott Foundation—supported publication series. Arte Público was represented by its founder and Director, Dr. Nicolas Kanellos and by Henry Ramos, who serves as executive editor for the series. We give special thanks to Mr. Allen Gómez, Vice-President for Corporate Giving at WAMU for his support to this event. The event, which was attended by more than 300 persons, was co-sponsored by the City University of New York, and the Hunter College President's Office. ■

Centro Receives Major Education Grant from Kellogg Foundation

The Centro has received a two-year grant for \$1,190,996 from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation to develop coordinated programs and services that can better meet the needs of Latinos students and their families and that promote systemic change. The Centro is partnering with five other CUNY programs in this grant called CUNY ENLACE: Lehman College's Bronx Education Alliance (Professors Marietta Saravia-Shore and

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Michael Blakeney); Brooklyn College's School of Education (Professor Alma Rubal-Lopez); City College's School of Education (Professor Doris Cintron); Hunter College's School of Education (Professors Ivonne de Gaetano and Gloria Zuazua); and Queens College School of Education (Professor Lillian Moncada-Davison). CUNY ENLACE will have an approach to both urban education and urban collaboration across colleges, city boroughs, community-based organizations and school districts.

The project has several goals. These goals are: (1) Increase Latino student success in mathematics; (2) develop curriculum units related to the arts and culture of Latinos; (3) strengthen teacher candidates' skills in qualitative research; (4) involve parents in the education of their children and in organizing other parents to participate in educational decisions; and (5) engage high school students in qualitative research studies to develop oral histories and use this to build connections to higher education. The objectives listed above outline topics to be addressed across the project, some at each site, and some at only one or two. One common element in the programs designed by all sites, for example, is to have teacher candidates instructed during a Math Tutorial Institute to integrate the arts into after-school math tutoring programs.

The grant also calls for a yearly mini-conference that convenes researchers and practitioners working with Latino children and families in New York's public school system to discuss issues, innovative programs and strategies, and coalition building. The conference will also let others know what the CUNY ENLACE members are doing in their respective programs.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation had previously awarded the Bronx Education Alliance (BEA) at Lehman College an original ENLACE grant to advance their innovative work in the Bronx. We thank Lehman College President Ricardo Fernández and our colleagues at the BEA for encouraging the Kellogg Foundation to commit to a larger New York City and CUNY presence through their ENLACE grants program. To learn more about the Kellogg Foundation's ENLACE grants program please visit their website at www.wkkf.org/pubs/YouthED/Pub3698.pdf.

IMLS Awards Centro \$500,000 Grant

The Centro has been awarded a two-year \$500,000 grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for the "Preserving and Disseminating New York's Puerto Rican/Latino Heritage" project. The award was facilitated by Congressman Jose E. Serrano from the Bronx, who fought to make the appropriation part of the federal government's budget. The primary goal of this project is to increase access to and use of records in the field of Puerto Rican and Latino Studies and to strengthen the Centro's capacity to make available a significant body of records to develop web-based and digitized materials for students K-16 and the general public using the archival resources of our collection. The award recognizes the Centro's national and international reputation as the only institution fully dedicated to documenting Puerto Rican diasporic history and culture in the US

The IMLS-funded project will consist of the following four components: (a) Completing the organizing of the records from Migration Division of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and of the following collections of individuals (Diana Caballero, Oscar Garcia Rivera, Edward Mercado, Joseph Monserrat, Diana Ramirez de Arrellano, Luis Reyes, Clemente Soto Velez and Amanda Velez; Lourdes Torres, and Judge Frank Torres); (b) Advancing the processing of the records released by the FBI pertaining the persecution of Puerto Ricans due to their political affiliations; (c) Preparing several web-based or CD-ROM prototypes of curriculum units for New York State high school students using materials from the Centro's archival collections; and (d) Starting to process and organize the papers from the Puerto Rican Administration for Community Affairs (PRACA) and the Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños.

Over a two-year period, the Centro will arrange and describe the records according to current national archival standards. A comprehensive Finding Aid will be prepared and made available at the Centro and on the Internet.

The Centro thanks Congressman Serrano for his leadership and support in securing these funds and his Chief-of-Staff, Ellyn Toscano, for all her valuable input and suggestions. ■

New Face for www.centropr.org!

Last year the University's Central Office allotted the Centro \$20,000 to help improve and re-vamp its website. With this funding we were able to redesign the entire site and update sections that had been "under construction."

In addition to the new graphics and easy navigation features designed by digitalsynthesis.com, our website includes:

- Drop-down menus for easy visibility;
- Site map for viewing the site contents;
- Internal search engine that searches the Centro site using keywords entered.

Whether you are looking for archival documents or the staff listing these new features will facilitate your search process.

We have also begun a process of incorporating our out-of-print journals online. This year, thanks to the continue support from the University's Central Office we will be able to complete our online journals section and we are looking into including an interactive/multimedia addition for our Library and Archives section.

Take a moment to visit our website at www.centropr.org. Please send your comments, feedback and opinion on ways to continue to better service you online. Your responses will be taken into consideration and together we can expand and enhance the site, which was created just for you! e-mail to: mtorres@hunter.cuny.edu Thank you!



Centro Appreciation Day Event in El Barrio

On Friday, April 5th the Centro celebrated its second Appreciation Day at the Centro Cultural Julia de Burgos. About 200 people gathered at the Centro Cultural Julia de Burgos, the premier arts and cultural center in Spanish Harlem, to enjoy the night's program, the food from La Fonda Boricua and the music from Yerba Buena.



Guests at Appreciation Day

During Centro Appreciation Day we honor distinguished members of New York's Puerto Rican and Hispanic community in the fields of education, culture, politics, and labor, who have contributed to the efforts of our Center during the last two years. We also honor those who have donated their papers to our archival collection. This year we gave special awards to **Congressman Jose Serrano** for his willingness to collaborate with the Centro with the FBI records and his help with the IMLS grant, and to **Assemblyman Peter Rivera** for his support of Centro's archival work and also for his early and unwavering leadership in helping to repeal the law charging undocumented CUNY students out-of-state tuition.

We also honored those individuals and organizations who had donated their

records to the Centro or who have collaborated with us in a special way. These honorees were:

Dr. Antonia Pantoja

Founder and Executive Director, Aspira of New York and the first Puerto Rican woman to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President William Clinton

in 1996 for her contributions to the quality of life of Puerto Ricans and New Yorkers.

Ms. Alma & Austin Torres

Representing the Estate of Judge Felipe N. Torres one of the first Puerto Rican judges in New York City and also former Assemblyman.

Ms. Kathy Andrade

Hispanic Labor Leader, ILGW-UNITE and Founding Member of the Hispanic Labor Committee.

Ms. Judith Escalona

Filmmaker and creator of "Puerto Rican Dream" website.

Ms. Julia Jorge

Hispanic Labor Leader, DC-37 and Founding Member of the Hispanic Labor Committee.

Ms. Alice Cardona

Former New York Office Director of the New York State Division for Women and

current President of the Board of Directors of PRACA (Puerto Rican Association for Community Affairs).

Yolanda Sanchez

Executive Director of the Puerto Rican Association for Community Affairs (PRACA): For donating the records from this pioneering organization and also her personal papers.

Ernesto Malave

Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, City University of New York for his long-term support to the work of the Centro, particularly the Centro Journal and the Library and Archives.

Kathleen Roe

Director of the Documentary Heritage Program, New York State Archives, for her support and guidance to the work of the Centro's archives and her commitment to document the history of communities of color in New York State.

El Puente Academy for Peace and Justice

We thanked all El Puente staff members who have collaborated in Centro's ongoing research partnership with them and particularly Luis Gardner Acosta and Frances Lucerna, founders of the social service organization and the school.

Enrique Gómez

For donating personal papers and also documents pertaining to the history of Puerto Rican theater, television and the arts in New York City.

At the event we also thanked volunteers and colleagues who serve in the Advisory Boards to the Exchange Programs, the Centro Journal, the National Latino Education Research Agenda project and the New Direction in Puerto Rican Studies series. To conclude the program, we also honored three retiring Puerto Rican Studies faculty: **Jose Hernandez** (Hunter); **Maria J. Canino** (Rutgers); and **Olga Jimenez Wagenheim** (Rutgers). We thanked them for their decades of service to students and colleagues in the field of Puerto Rican Studies.

The Centro wants to thank the sponsors who made the event possible: Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico (Ms. Salome Galib); Puerto Rican Federal Affairs Administration, NYC Office (Felix Lopez); Rums of Puerto Rico; and Banco Popular. ■

Library and Archives News

Centro Receives Repeat NEH Award

We are happy to announce new funding from NEH to complete the organization of the Records of the Offices of the Government of Puerto Rico in the United States. The grant of \$230,000 will allow us to keep current project staff over a two-year period and to prepare finding aids. The materials to be organized contain numerous records from regional offices outside New York, such as Cleveland and Lorain Ohio, Chicago, Philadelphia. It also has records from the Department of Community Affairs in the U.S. directed by now Congresswoman, Nydia Velazquez. Special thanks to NEH program officer, Helen Agüera, for her guidance and on-going support.

- This fall, additional documents from the Records of the Offices of the Government of Puerto Rico in the US will be made available to researchers. These include the records of the Community Organizations Program, the Boston, Hartford, Keyport, Rochester, Newburgh and Miami regional offices, as well as materials from the New York City regional office. Some Employment Program Records and other Migration Division materials are also ready for public use.
- We are proud to inform that the NY State Board of Regents and the State Archives have awarded the Centro Library and Archives with the 2002 Debra E. Bernhardt Annual Archives Award for Excellence in Documenting New York's History. The award is presented to an organization in NY State that has demonstrated leadership in improving the documentary record of the state by ensuring the preservation of records relating to under-documented communities and topics. This is the second time the Regents and State Archives have recognized the Centro's work. In 1994, the Centro Library and Archives received an award for excellence in archives. Congratulations to Nelida and all of the library and archives staff for a job well done!
- Archives usage was the highest it has ever been. Documents from our collections have been finding their way into diverse productions: For example documentaries such as *The Palladium: Where Mambo Was King* and *Nuyoricans: Puerto Ricans in New York* shown on Channel Thirteen/WNET

made creative use of materials from the archives.

- *Viva's* special issue *Aqui y alla: 100 years of Puerto Rican History*, dedicated to the Puerto Rican Day Parade, was illustrated with images from the Centro archives. The article "Vital Research Preserves A Community's Roots," written by Hunter's Marisa Osorio Colon, highlighted the Centro's contributions to Puerto Rican scholarship and the preservation of history and culture.
- *Viva Daily News* sponsored a pictorial exhibit based on a selection of photos from the archives and published in the book *Pioneros: Puerto Ricans in New York City (1896-1948)*. Curated by Aurora Flores, the exhibit was displayed at The Julia de Burgos Cultural Center. Live music, good food and a great audience made this an enjoyable gathering as a prelude to the Puerto Rican Day Parade. Pedro Juan Hernández and Félix V. Matos Rodríguez represented Centro at the exhibit's opening day.
- The program *Prohibido Olvidar* on Puerto Rico's public TV channel 6 featured a biography of Idilio Gracia-Peña, Project archivist for the Records of the Offices of the Government of Puerto Rico in the United States. Idilio's contributions to preserving the history of the city of New York in his thirty years as director of the Municipal Archives and Commissioner of the Department of Records and Information Services were examined and acknowledged. Congratulations Idilio!
- The Library and Archives was featured

New Library & Archives Internship at Centro

The Centro Library and Archives is participating in the CUNY's Edward T. Rogowsky Internship Program in Government and Public Affairs. This program is "designed to equip CUNY's diverse student body with the appropriate skills to ensure success within a dynamic and changing public sector environment." Two students will be selected to work in the Centro's archival projects over the course of the year and will receive a \$2500 stipend. While they learn important skills, the interns will also help us to accomplish our processing goals. We are grateful to Vice-Chancellor Jay Hershenson and Anthony J. Maniscalco, Director of the Internship Program, for making this opportunity possible. Students interested in applying should contact: 212-817-7250 or ETRInternship@gc.cuny.edu. ■

on the program *En la Punta de la lengua*, also on Puerto Rico's channel 6. Titled "Los otros que son nosotros, Nueva York" the program contained interviews with New York artists such as Chita Rivera, Sandra Maria Esteves, and Tato Laviera among others. Much of the filming was done in the Centro Library and the books and other resources along with Centro staff were also included.

- The Hispanic Genealogical Society's newsletter in its Winter/Spring issue published "In search of Our Roots A 'Center' for Puerto Rican Genealogical Research" about the Centro's sources for family history.
- New State of the Art microfilm readers are now in place for users in the library thanks to the support of Ernesto Malave, CUNY's Vice-Chancellor for Budget and Finance. We donated the old microfilm readers to *El Diario/La Prensa*.
- The Library and Archives will also be hosting, Mario Ramírez, an intern from the Palmer School of Library and Information Science at Long Island University.
- **Save the date:** On November 12 an exhibit titled "Beyond the Marine Tiger: the Journey of Steamships from Puerto Rico to New York City" featuring the impressive collection of José Rafael Méndez will open at the Centro Library and Archives with a reception to follow. ■

Elected Officials Visit Centro

The Centro was fortunate to receive visits from several prominent Latino elected officials last Fall. The visits resulted from a concerted effort to let elected officials become more aware of the work being done at the Centro and of the services rendered to members of multiple communities. We also wanted to thank personally elected officials who have been instrumental in helping secure funding for several projects, like the processing of the records from the Migration Division.

On April 3rd, Bronx Assemblyman Peter Rivera visited the Centro and toured our facilities. Assemblyman Rivera is currently the Chairman of the New York State Assembly Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force. He is also the organizer of the yearly *Somos El Futuro* Legislative Conference in Albany. Assemblyman Rivera was accompanied by Mr. Luis Díaz, currently running for Assemblyman in the Bronx. On April 12th, we were fortunate to have Senator Olga Méndez visit the Centro. While Senator Mendez visited, Centro library and archives staff reminded her of our continued interest in her personal papers and those of her family. On April 25th, Senator Nelly Santiago took a tour of the Centro's Library and Archives. Senator Santiago is a Hunter College alumna. ■



Pedro Juan Hernandez, Félix Matos Rodríguez, Luis Díaz, Assemblyman Peter Rivera and Nélica Perez.

Staff News

We are proud to announce two new research hires for the academic year 2002-2003. **Mr. Anthony De Jesús** will begin on March 1st, 2003 as a Research Associate in Education Policy. Mr. De Jesús is currently completing his Ph.D. in education at Harvard University. He was a counselor and teacher at several Boston schools and has worked closely with the El Puente Academy for Peace and Justice, a New Visions School, in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. **Dr. Delia E. Easton** will start on April 1st, 2003 as a Health Policy Researcher at the Centro. Dr. Easton has a Ph.D. in anthropology from Case Western Reserve University and has specialized on HIV/Aids research in Puerto Rican communities. She is currently a Behavioral Scientist at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. We will have more information about these two new researchers in our Spring 2003 newsletter issue.

We are also pleased to announce that, effective August 1st, 2002, **Mr. José de Jesús** has been promoted to Associate Director for Administration.

The new title reflects organizational changes at the Centro and the contributions that Jose has made to the institution throughout the years. Congratulations!

We also want to say “adios” to **Dr. Caridad Souza** who completed a three-year cycle as a Research Associate last June. Caridad joined the Centro in 1999 after several years at Rutgers University. She is currently finishing revisions on a manuscript *Not Quite Women: Gender, Class and Sexueity Among Puerto Rican Mothers* for publication. We thank Caridad for all the hard work she did while at the Centro and wish her the best of luck in her new projects! We also bid farewell to **Ms. Jennica Carmona** who had served as a college assistant in the Library. Jennica is leaving to pursue her acting and dancing profession on a full-time basis. We wish her to “break a leg” and to please remember the Centro when she becomes a rich and famous actress! **John Binet**, who worked diligently in the Centro Archives as a college assistant has also left to become a NYC public school teacher. We are sure he will be a good one and look forward to receiving

his students in our library. Other college assistants who have “graduated” from the Centro include **Nadja Rodríguez**, who worked in the Centro Library and recently relocated to California and is a mother-to-be. Thanks for all their hard work. We also want to welcome a new class of college assistants, among them: **Myrna Tinoco, Kimberly Irizarry, Analía Cruz** and **Maria Matos**, all are involved in archival projects.

The Centro is also happy to announce that we will be providing office space and moral and intellectual support during the 2002-2003 academic year to Yasmin Ramirez who is writing her dissertation “Nuyorican Vanguard: Puerto Rican Artists in New York, 1964-1984” at the CUNY Graduate Center.

During the summer, we were pleased to have **Vicky Nuñez**, an English Ph.D. candidate at UMass-Amherst, working in the National Latino Education Research Agenda project. We also want to acknowledge the superb volunteer work performed by two summer interns. **Marisol Cordero** worked diligently as a research assistant to Carlos Vargas-Ramos and **Walter Pérez** worked as an archival processor with Ismael Garcia in the NHPRC project. ■

Building the Institution

The Centro Staff retreat on June 14th culminated a year long planning process in which the staff Assessment Committee brought together a wide cross section of staff from all units and employee status to review concerns and recommendations with regard to issues of internal communication, staff mutual support and community building. The five year lapse since the last staff retreat and the Director's desire to conduct a thorough institutional assessment brought to light the need to address issues and concerns held by staff. The Assessment Committee (Jose deJesus, Rossy Matos, Nitza Medina , Nelida Perez, Caridad Souza and Mayra Torres) surveyed staff, consulted with the Centro's Director and Hunter College's Human Resources staff development trainers. This process resulted in a workshop led by Human Resources entitled "Teamwork" on April 5th and the retreat in June hosted by the Rockefeller Foundation at their headquarters. This event was facilitated by the Assessment Committee. Both sessions were highly rated by the participating staff as open, productive and conducive to building up the institution. Recommendations to the Director submitted at various stages of this process have either been implemented or are on the agenda for discussion and possible implementation during this academic year. A new committee has been named to follow-up on issues identified during last year's process. ■

Centro Present at Somos El Futuro Conference

Like every year, the Centro actively participated in the 15th "Somos el Futuro" Conference held in Albany on April 19-21. The Conference is an annual event sponsored by the New York State Assembly & Senate Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force and this year's theme was "15 Years: A Retrospective of Our Accomplishments". The Centro organized one of the cultural exhibits showcasing our publications and the richness of our archival holdings. Hundreds stopped by to see the varied sample of photographs and other items from the Centro's archives. The Centro was represented at the Somos conference by: Catrize Ortiz, Mayra Torres, Carlos Vargas-Ramos and Félix V. Matos Rodriguez. Paulette Henriquez from the President's Office also attended the conference.

Centro Director Félix V. Matos Rodríguez received the annual Education Award from the New York State Assembly & Senate Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force for his contributions on behalf of the cultural and educational advancement of the Latino community. He received the award during the traditional senior citizens, luncheon sponsored by the Institute for the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Elderly. ■

Centro Faculty Fellows 2002-2003

Three Centro Faculty Fellows were selected for the academic year 2002-2003: Orlando Hernandez from Hostos Community College ("Graciany Miranda Archilla Unpublished Books and Personal Papers"); Elizabeth Garcia from Hunter College ("Medicinal Histories: Puerto Rican Women's Writings in the United States"); and, Lyn Di Iorio Sandin from City College ("Killing Spanish: Doubles, Dead Mothers and Other Allegories of Ambivalent U.S. Latino/a Caribbean Fiction").

These projects were chosen because the Selection Committee considered they would make a significant contribution to the development of Puerto Rican and Latino Studies at CUNY. We are also planning to have a panel with all the Fellows as part of our Spring 2003 lecture series. Since 1995, the Centro's Faculty Fellows Program has selected innovative research and teaching projects from a competition among CUNY faculty. So far, nineteen CUNY faculty members have benefited from this program. The next round of Centro Faculty Fellows for the academic year 2003-2004 will be selected in Spring 2003 semester. This year's Selection Committee consisted of Gina Pérez, Carlos Vargas-Ramos and Félix V. Matos-Rodríguez. ■

Prevenir es Vivir National Poster Campaign

The Inter-University Program for Latino Research at the University of Notre Dame, the CUNY-Dominican Studies Institute, and the Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños organized a presentation for the *Prevenir es vivir* National Poster Campaign, on Tuesday, July 23, 2002 at City College addressing HIV/AIDS prevention in the Latino community. The project by the Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR), is funded by the Office of Minority Health, US Department of Health and Human Services.

The *Prevenir es Vivir* Poster Campaign focuses on the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Latino Community. Past presentations have been held in Los Angeles, Denver, and South Bend. The presentation is an opportunity for organizations to receive culturally specific bilingual HIV prevention posters. The posters will be a valuable tool for HIV/AIDS prevention efforts in the Latino community. Representatives from AIDS services providers, public health agencies and faculty departments participated in the event.

The cosponsors included: **Dr. Gilberto Cardenas**, Assistant Provost Director, Institute for Latino Studies; **Miryam Bujaanda**, Project Director, Institute for Latino Studies; **Dr. Ramona Hernández**, Director-CUNY Dominican Studies Institute; **Dr. Félix Matos Rodríguez**, Director, CUNY-Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños. ■

Researcher News

Pedro Pedraza

Awards: Rockefeller Foundation - \$62,000.00 continuation grant award to prepare for the next stage of development of the initiative which will be the implementation of pilot projects across the U.S. Annie E. Casey Foundation - \$42,000.00 a final grant to publish and distribute the Latino/a Education Research Agenda to support school reform in K-12 public education utilizing a participatory action research approach.

Reports: Submitted to the New York Network for School Renewal (NYNSR) at NYU'S Center for Social Policy and Education a report on a five-year qualitative evaluation of the El Puente's Academy for Peace and Justice supported by the Annenberg Initiative and the Annenberg Institute for School Reform at Brown University.

Appointments: Appointed Member of Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum's recently formed Education Commission Appointed to the Advisory Board to the Dewitt Wallace Readers Dignified Funds "Leaders Count" National School Reform Initiative.

Gina Perez

Publications: "The other 'Real World': Gentrification and the social construction of place in Chicago," *Urban Anthropology*, Special issue "Urban Legends: Race, Class, and the Politics of Mythical Revitalizations," 31(1): 37-68. "Puertorriqueñas' stories of life in Chicago," *Diálogo*, Special issue on Latinas in the United States, Center for Latino Research, DePaul University, Winter/Spring(6), 18-23.

Presentations: Invited to make the presentation at Wheaton College "Gendered geographies of home and displacement in Chicago," for panel New Directions in Latina/o Studies: Gender, Sexuality and Race in Twenty-First Century América, Wheaton College, Norton, MA, March 21. Other presenters include Caridad Souza (Centro), Adrian Burgos (University of Illinois

Champaign-Urbana, and Ginetta Candelario (Smith College). **Media Appearance:** Interviewed for Chicago Public Radio WBEZ program Eight Forty-Eight June 21, 2002. Interview about history of Puerto Ricans in Chicago in events preceding Puerto Rican Day Parade in Chicago.

Carlos Vargas-Ramos

Publications: Co-Author (with David K. Park)

"Paradigms of minority and immigrant political participation in the United States" in Michael X. Delli Carpini, Leonie Huddy & Robert Y. Shapiro Political, eds., *Decision-making, Deliberation and Participation*, JAI Press, 2002.

Conferences papers: Caribbean Studies Association, 27th Annual Conference, Nassau, Bahamas, May 27 to June 1, 2002: "The Changing Nature of Race in Puerto Ricans"

Puerto Rican Studies Association, 5th Conference, Chicago, IL, October 3-5, 2002.: "The Political Participation of Puerto Rican Women in Puerto Rico"

Workshops: Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR) Census Workshop, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, July 10-12, 2002.

Félix V. Matos Rodríguez

Publications: "Oscar Garcia Rivera, Political Pioneer," *New York Archives*, (Winter 2002), 24-26.

Conference Papers: "Emigración, política pública y gobierno en Puerto Rico." Presented at the 34th Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians, Nassau, The Bahamas, April 2002. "*Libertas ciudadinas: Free Women of Color in San Juan, Puerto Rico*," Presentation at Moravian College, Africana Lecture Series, April 2002.

Media Appearances: Quoted on the New York Times, Newsday, Orlando Sentinel, Chicago Tribune & Hartford Courant on stories related to the 50th anniversary of Puerto Rico's Commonwealth status. ■

Centro Exchange Programs

The advisory board for the CUNY-Caribbean and Intercambio CUNY-UPR Exchange programs awarded the following grants for FY 2002-2003:

Andrea Queley, CUNY Graduate Center Student, Anthropology Department, "Evolution of West Indian Identity Among Immigrants From The English Speaking Caribbean"

Yolanda Quiñones Mayo, Hunter College, School of Social Work, "A Socio-Cultural Dialogue Via Distance Learning"

Joseph Birman, City College, Physics Department, "Multi-Phonon Resonant Raman Scattering In Quantum Wells"

Digna Castañeda, Universidad de la Habana, Departamento de Historia, "Análisis Bibliográfico Comparativo Sobre La Mujer Esclava En El Caribe"

Jason Young/Dereck Chadee, Hunter College/University of West Indies, Psychology Department, "The Extend Local Media Helps To Shape Public's Perception Of News"

Milagros Martinez Reinosa, Universidad de la Habana, Centro de Estudios sobre Los Estados Unidos, "Análisis y Comprensión de La Organización de Estudios de El Caribe En CUNY"

Carmen Castillo Herrera, Universidad de la Habana, Equipo de Catedra de La Mujer, "Estrategia De Vida De Mujeres De Origen Caribeño Que Han Emigrados a Los EU en Los años 90 y Residen en Nueva York"

Daysi Cocco de Phillipis, Eugenio Maria de Hostos Community College, Provost "Fifth International Conference on Women Authors from the Caribbean"

Héctor Cordero Guzmán, Baruch College and **Ana García**, Eugenio Maria de Hostos Community College, will be replacing Diana Caballero, City College and Carlos Hortas, Hunter College in the CUNY-Caribbean and Intercambio CUNY-UPR Exchange Programs advisory board.

In collaboration with the Hunter College Education Abroad program, the CUNY-Caribbean Exchange Program will be providing two (three credits each) courses in Cuba during the winter break in January 2003. The courses will be held at Casas Las Americas in Havana, Cuba from January 4, 2003- January 25, 2003. The courses are open to all CUNY undergraduate and Continuing Education students. Application deadline is October 25, 2002. Financial aid is available. For more information contact Gary Braglia at 212- 772-4983.

The Intercambio CUNY-UPR Exchange Program will continue negotiations with the University of Puerto Rico to sign an agreement and continue the undergraduate, faculty exchange and research program in the Spring and Fall 2003 semesters. ■

Special Projects

The CUNY-Caribbean Exchange Program and Caribbean Cultural Center of New York City are sponsoring a book presentation about Cuban traditional musical instruments.

In April we will also support the premier of a documentary about Santería, a day in a life, in February.

The CUNY-Caribbean and Intercambio CUNY-UPR Exchange programs will be launching a website in the fall 2002, to make the application process easier and to reach out to larger audiences with program updates and special events. Applications deadline is May 1, 2003. ■

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