

## Symposium Overview

In November of 2003, Richard Delgado began a firestorm with a controversial book review that critiqued the critical race theory movement. He argued that critical race theory has moved from its realist beginnings — tackling issues such as interest convergence, the Supreme Court's role in legitimizing racial discrimination, and the forsaking of judicial remedies in lieu of street demonstrations — to an idealist approach that focuses primarily on analyzing text, discourse, and mindset. Delgado called for critical race theory to return to its realist, material, radical roots and engage in issues that matter. A group of critical race theorists have accepted Delgado's challenge and are more thoroughly examining the relationship between race and class. In so doing, they expose how privilege and power are intertwined with issues of race and class. Our Symposium explores this new movement — the reemergence of class in critical race theory.

Some critical race theorists are already leading a movement back to racial realism. Gerald Torres and Lani Guinier authored a book positing that issues of race in America, like the proverbial miner's canary, may forewarn of conditions that endanger all members of American society. They reveal the connection between race and power in all levels of society and propose a political strategy for exposing and demolishing embedded hierarchies of privilege. Guinier and Torres argue that multiracial coalitions and collective action are the means for effecting a shift in thinking about race to encourage racial politicization.

Critical race theory is at a crossroads. It is undergoing a compelling transformation that reflects its progressive beginnings and underscores its commitment to the comprehensive study of race and the law. The examination of class and race is about to reemerge in a profound and novel way. *The Michigan Journal of Race & Law* is excited to celebrate our Tenth Anniversary by presenting this new movement within critical race theory.

## Directions and Information

### Symposium Location

University of Michigan Law School  
Jason Honigman Auditorium  
Hutchins Hall  
625 South State Street  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
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### From M-14:

Downtown Ann Arbor exit (Main Street). Main Street to Hill Street. Left onto Hill Street, then left onto State Street. The Law School is one block on the right, between Monroe Street and South University Avenue.

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### From I-94:

Exit 177 (State Street). From Detroit: turn right. From Chicago: turn left. Approximately 2 miles on State Street. The Law School is one block on the right, between Monroe Street and South University Avenue.

### Parking

There is parking in a lot on Thompson Street between Madison and Jefferson Streets (two blocks west of the Law School). Limited on-street metered parking is available.

### Banquet Location

The Dahlmann Campus Inn  
615 East Huron Street  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104  
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### Accommodations

A list of local hotels and inns is available by fax or e-mail. Please contact Maureen Bishop at 734.763.6100 or [maureena@umich.edu](mailto:maureena@umich.edu)

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# Going Back to Class?

## The Reemergence of Class in Critical Race Theory

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Schedule of Events	Symposium Panels	Panelists	Registration
<p><b>Friday, February 4, 2005</b></p> <p>4:00 p.m. Registration</p> <p>5:00 p.m. <b>Opening Keynote Address:</b> <b>Richard Delgado</b></p> <p><b>Saturday, February 5, 2005</b></p> <p>8:15 a.m. Registration and Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Morning Address: <b>Guy-Uriel Charles</b></p> <p>9:15 a.m. <b>Panel I:</b> New Directions: The Future of Critical Race Theory</p> <p>11:00 a.m. <b>Panel II:</b> Beyond the Law: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Race and Class</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Lunch</p> <p>2:00 p.m. <b>Panel III:</b> Redefining the Movement: Class in Critical Race Theory</p> <p>4:00 p.m. <b>Panel IV:</b> Incorporating Class: Race, Class, and Intersectionality</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Dinner Banquet (Campus Inn)</p> <p><b>Closing Keynote Address:</b> <b>Gerald Torres</b></p>	<p><b>Panel I: New Directions: The Future of Critical Race Theory</b></p> <p>Critical race theory has brought voices of color into the mainstream and profoundly influenced legal scholarship, yet some scholars critique the movement’s current direction as divorced from its materialist roots. This panel will consider whether critical race theory has overlooked important issues, including the underinclusiveness of the Black/White paradigm, and will propose topics for further exploration.</p> <p><b>Panel II: Beyond the Law: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Race and Class</b></p> <p>Scholars across a wide range of disciplines have studied the intersection of race and class using varied methods, from the theoretical to the empirical. This panel will explore current interdisciplinary research on the interplay between race and class in our nation’s communities and will offer new and insightful tools for critical race theorists to use when examining race and class within the law.</p> <p><b>Panel III: Redefining the Movement: Class in Critical Race Theory</b></p> <p>Building on what might be called “post post-modern” and “post post-Marxist” conceptions of race and class, this panel attempts to re-conceptualize the relationship between race and class beyond the model of intersectionality. These scholars envision race and class less as intersecting aspects of identity and more as dynamic institutionalized processes that produce relations of racial and material domination between groups of people.</p> <p><b>Panel IV: Incorporating Class: Race, Class, and Intersectionality</b></p> <p>Many scholars realize that unique forms of oppression result from combinations of interconnected characteristics such as race, sex, sexual orientation, religion, and national origin. This panel will consider whether the study of these unique forms of oppression enhances or dilutes the study of race and will engage whether intersectionality and multidimensionality analyses could be appropriate methods for analyzing the relationship between race and class.</p>	<p><b>Lawrence D. Bobo</b>, Professor of Sociology and Director, Center for Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity Stanford University</p> <p><b>Paul Butler</b>, Professor of Law George Washington University Law School</p> <p><b>Robert S. Chang</b>, Professor of Law and J. Rex Dibble Fellow, Loyola Law School, Loyola Marymount University</p> <p><b>Guy-Uriel Charles</b>, Associate Professor of Law University of Minnesota Law School</p> <p><b>Anthony Farley</b>, Associate Professor of Law Boston College Law School</p> <p><b>Angela Harris</b>, Professor of Law University of California-Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall)</p> <p><b>Jennifer L. Hochschild</b>, Henry LaBarre Jayne Professor of Government and Professor of African and African American Studies, Harvard University</p> <p><b>Darren Hutchinson</b>, Professor of Law American University, Washington College of Law</p> <p><b>Kevin R. Johnson</b>, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Law, and Mabie/Apallas Professor of Public Interest Law and Chicana/o Studies University of California, Davis School of Law</p> <p><b>Charles W. Mills</b>, Professor, Department of Philosophy University of Illinois at Chicago</p> <p><b>Juan F. Perea</b>, Cone, Wagner, Nugent, Johnson, Hazouri &amp; Roth Professor of Law Levin College of Law, University of Florida</p> <p><b>Daria Roithmayr</b>, Associate Professor of Law University of Illinois College of Law</p> <p><b>E. San Juan, Jr.</b>, Director Philippines Cultural Studies Center, Connecticut</p> <p><b>Chantal Thomas</b>, Professor of Law Fordham University School of Law</p> <p><b>Rodolfo D. Torres</b>, Associate Professor Urban Planning, Chicano-Latino Studies, and Political Science, US Editor, Ethnicities University of California, Irvine</p> <p><b>Rebecca Tsosie</b>, Lincoln Professor of Native American Law and Ethics and Executive Director Indian Legal Program, Arizona State University</p>	<p><b>Name:</b></p> <p><b>Affiliation:</b></p> <p><b>Address:</b></p> <p><b>City:</b></p> <p><b>State:</b> <b>Zip:</b></p> <p><b>Telephone:</b> (       )</p> <p><b>Email:</b></p>
<p><b>Keynote Speakers</b></p>			<p><b>Fees</b></p>
<p><b>Richard Delgado</b></p> <p>Richard Delgado is a Professor of Law and Derrick Bell Fellow at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He is a founder of the critical race theory movement and one of the leading commentators on race in the United States. <i>The Chronicle of Higher Education</i> recently listed him as one of three leading Latino public individuals. Professor Delgado is a graduate of the University of Washington and of Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley.</p> <p><b>Gerald Torres</b></p> <p>Gerald Torres is the H.O. Head Centennial Professor in Real Property Law at the University of Texas at Austin School of Law. He is a leading figure in critical race theory and has written prolifically on issues of identity, race, and justice. Professor Torres is currently the president of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) and is a graduate of Stanford University, Yale Law School, and the University of Michigan Law School.</p>			<p>Admission to the Banquet is not guaranteed unless your registration is received by January 22, 2005.</p> <p><b>Please check the appropriate boxes:</b></p> <p>General Audience  <input type="checkbox"/> Symposium \$35    <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet \$40    <input type="checkbox"/> Both \$75</p> <p>Non University of Michigan Students  <input type="checkbox"/> Symposium Free    <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet \$35    <input type="checkbox"/> Both \$35</p> <p>University of Michigan Students, Faculty, and Staff  <input type="checkbox"/> Symposium Free    <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet \$35    <input type="checkbox"/> Both \$35</p> <p>Vegetarian Meal at the Banquet                    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>TOTAL \$</p> <p>Please mail completed form and check payable to: Michigan Journal of Race &amp; Law by January 22, 2005.</p> <p>Mail to: Michigan Journal of Race &amp; Law University of Michigan Law School 625 South State Street Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109</p> <p>Fax to:    734.764.6043</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard            <input type="checkbox"/> Visa</p> <p>Number:</p> <p>Exp:</p> <p>Name as on Card:</p> <p>Signature:</p>