



**West Chester University Latin American Studies Program**

## ***Latino Communities Conference: Moving Forward through Tides of Change***

**When: Thursday March 22, 2012**

**Where: Sykes Student Union, West Chester University**



For many community leaders and citizens alike, the official report that Latinos and Latinas are now the largest and fastest growing “minority” in the United States by the U.S. Census was a bit of a wake-up call. What does it mean that “Hispanics” or “Latino/as” now number 16 percent of the U.S. population? For many, Hispanic presence is nothing new, but for others the growing presence of a new minority, with diverse strengths, skills and needs presents a novel set of social, economic and political phenomena. In this conference, we seek to learn and engage in discussion about these changes, and how they affect Latino/as and their old and new neighbors in southeastern Pennsylvania in particular, and across the nation.

This interdisciplinary conference provides a creative space for enhancing the understanding of Latino/a issues, contributions and culture by encouraging academics, practitioners, teachers, faculty and students alike to present and engage in the discussions and debates on, for and with Latino/a Communities and their neighbors.

There are five “tracks” in the conference, with the understanding that some overlap:

- 1) English as a Second Language /English Language Learners
- 2) Latino/a Language, Cultures, History and Humanities
- 3) Educational Topics
- 4) Health and Social Services/Issues
- 5) Societal, Political and Economic Trends, Opportunities and Challenges

***On-line Registration for the conference will soon be available on the WCU website.***

ACT 48 credits will be available for Educators and Social Workers for a small fee. Lunch will cost \$10. Otherwise, conference is free and open to the public.

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