

CALL FOR PAPERS (REVISED)

Public Policy Forum and *Centro Journal* Special Issue on Puerto Rican Social Conditions

The Center for Puerto Rican Studies (Centro) is promoting the study of the social conditions that the Puerto Rican community faces in the United States and the public policy implications advanced by these studies for the welfare of this population. **To this end, the Centro is sponsoring the following:**

- **Research proposals requesting support** for studies of the specific priority areas as listed below. Competitive funding, travel grants, research assistance, and other expenses ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 will be available. Data management and statistical analysis assistance can be provided. CUNY faculty are eligible to receive course release time. A letter of intent and a proposal abstract of 2-3 pages are required.
 - **Deadline for Letter of Intent/Abstract: February 15, 2010.**
 - **Awards will be announced by March 1, 2010.**

- **Papers to be presented at a Public Policy Forum.** Centro welcomes draft papers from scholars and practitioners of multiple disciplines that advance the formulation of policies and community/institutional strategies related to Centro's specific priority areas identified below.
 - **Deadline for drafts (3 pages) for the FORUM: June 15, 2010.**
 - **Public Policy Forum target date: September 15, 2010.**

- **Special Centro Journal Issue on Puerto Rican Social Conditions.** The *Centro Journal* will publish a special issue on the Public Policy Forum. Papers/research studies presented at the Forum will be automatically considered for peer review and possible publication.

Centro's identified priority areas of study for Research Proposal and Forum Papers:

- **Demographic and Neighborhood Change** – For example, the explosive growth of the Puerto Rican communities in Florida, the reality of more Puerto Ricans than island residents.
- **Educational Challenges and Justice** – Puerto Ricans have high dropout rates when compared to other Latinos or the general population.
- **Economic Opportunities** – In 2005, poverty among Puerto Ricans in New York City was 31.3% compared to the average poverty rate of 18%.
- **Community Development and social safety nets** – As Puerto Rican communities develop or not, what supports are available or do they foster dependence?
- **Criminal Justice System** – Puerto Ricans along with other Latinos are the “fastest growing minority group” being incarcerated in the United States.
- **Health Equity** – In 2000, life expectancy for Puerto Ricans was the lowest among New Yorkers; multiple health and mental health problems have been identified with social conditions.

Further information will be available at Centro's web site.

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