



Sunday, February 22, 2015
Rutgers School of Law - Center for Law & Justice
Program/Programa

On The Road to Power Via Coalition Building / Camino al Poder Creando Coaliciones

8:30AM – 10:00AM Breakfast Plenary/Sesión Desayuno

Speaker/Orador: Luis Abinader Corona
The Power of Coalitions To effect Change
El Poder de Coaliciones Para Lograr Cambios

Moderator: Néstor Montilla, Sr
Introduction: Rev. Alejandro Benjamin

10:15AM – 12:30PM Workshops/Talleres

- Latino/African American, Can there be a coalition interest?
Latino/Afro-Americano, Puede Existir Una Coalición de Intereses? RM 010**

Panelistas:

Linda Gallashaw, Passaic County Civic League
Keith Wright, NYS Assemblymember
Al Moody, Activist
Zenaida Mendez, President of NOW
Dr. Fred Price, CUNY's Medgar Evers College
Dr. Néstor Collazo, Principal Perth Amboy HS
Lucilo Santos, Activist

Coordinator: Josefina Mercedes
Moderator: María Teresa Montilla
Reporter: Mallory Earle

*Special presentation of the documentary: 'African Americans in Samaná'
The untold story of thousands of freed US slaves who settled in Hispaniola in 1824.*

- Latino/Jewish Common Past & Present, Into the Future: A Roundtable Discussion
Latino/Judío, Una Historia en Común: Una Conversación Sobre Alianzas RM 070**

Panelistas:

Martin Pérez, Esq., President LLANJ
Prof. Alejandro Benjamin, BCCC & DANR Vice President
Dr. Aritmedes Restituyo, President APHSI
Dr. Munr Kazmir, M.B.B.S./M.D
Dr. Carlos Fernández, Director Rutgers' Center for Latino Arts & Culture
Dr. Jo Renee Fine and Sarah Levinson, American Jewish Committee (AJC)
Antonio Martínez II, Esq. DANR VP-NY
Rabbi Mendel Herson, Dean, Rabbinical College of America-NJ

Coordinator: Franklin Ventura
Moderator: Néstor Montilla, Sr.
Reporter: Aníbal Alcántara

*Special presentation of the documentary: Jewish Refugees in Sosúa, The story of the first persecuted Jews
who were welcomed, protected and embraced in the Dominican Republic in the late 1930's.*

1:00PM – 3:00PM Luncheon Plenary/Sesión Almuerzo

Blessings by Rabbi Mendel Herson

Moderator: Néstor Montilla, Sr.

Speaker/Orador: Hon. Julissa Ferreras, NYC Councilmember
When a Community's Time has Come/ Cuando a Una Comunidad le Llega Su Hora

Roundtable Panelists:

Dr. María Teresa Montilla, President, Institute For Latino Studies
Hon. Ras Baraka, Mayor of City of Newark: *How Can 'Party Coalitions' Be Useful*
Hon. Brian P. Stack, NJ State Senator & Mayor: *Being the 'Best Man for the Job'*
Hon. Steven Fulop, Mayor of Jersey City: *Building Effective Coalitions of Interest*
Hon. Keith Wright, NYS Assemblymember: *The Benefits of Coalition Building*
Martin Pérez, Esq., LLANJ President: *Coalitions for Inclusion at the Seat of Power*
Remarks: Luis Abinader Corona, Economist