

## 18th Annual Conference on Dominican Affairs

February 10 & 11, 2018

Rutgers School of Law-Center for Law & Justice

123 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102

*Concerting Efforts to Advance Our Prosperity Agenda*

### PROGRAM

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

**9:00AM - 2:00PM**

**Retreat of the Dominican American National Roundtable (DANR)**

**Room 292**

Members of the National Board of Directors of DANR host their annual retreat, swear-in new board members, and caucus to determine the national agenda.

Reception (TBA)

**Sunday, February 11, 2018**

**9:00AM - 10:30AM Breakfast Plenary Session**

**Herbert M. Ellend Atrium**

**Plenary Forum on the Effect of US Military Invasion of the Dominican Republic on Immigration from Hispaniola to USA.** Forum features a discussion of CUNY Graduate Center Scholar Nestor H. Montilla's research findings about the long-lasting socio-economic and political effects of US 1916 occupation of the Dominican Republic on immigration from Hispaniola to USA. A salient point of discussion centers on rebuking how US military's policies aimed at changing Dominican sexual and gender norms during the invasion of the Dominican Republic paved the way for the justification to control and deride Dominican women, and for the virtual institutionalization of rape, violence, sexual crimes and murder of Dominican women. This plenary includes a Q&A session / *Sesión Plenaria sobre los efectos de la invasión norteamericana a la Hispaniola. Este foro presenta los resultados del estudio de investigación del catedrático Néstor H. Montilla Sr. sobre los efectos socioeconómicos y políticos de la ocupación norteamericana del 1916 en la emigración de Hispaniola a USA. Se discutirá también la política implantada durante la invasión estadounidense para regular las normas sexuales y de género de los dominicanos y como esas políticas han resultado en detrimento de la mujer dominicana hasta el presente en lo que respecta a su control social, abusos y violaciones sexuales y asesinatos. El foro incluye una sesión de preguntas y respuestas.*

Presenters: Scholar Néstor Montilla, Sr., Historian Ramon Espinola, Historian Jose C. Novas, Activist Zenaida Méndez, and Prof. Stephan Bosworth, CUNY.

**10:45AM - 12:45PM Concurrent Workshops**

**1. Empowering the next generation of leaders / Apoderando la Próxima**

**Room 010**

**Generación de Líderes.** A motivational, hands-on session on inner resources of a leader and the skills to lead / *una sesión motivacional sobre nuestras fortalezas personales y las destrezas necesarias para dirigir.*

Presenters: Dr. Theresa Rodríguez, and Dr. Alberto Correa, Universidad Interamericana de PR.

Moderator: Augusto Suarez

## 2. How to 'Play hard ball' in US Politics *Jugando Para Ganar en la Política*

**Room 020**

The National Dominican American Council (NDAC) launches a political tool to influence the political landscape in US. This interactive session features various aspects of the candidate endorsement process, such as criteria, methods and objectives of endorsements, as well as real candidates' interviews, who seek NDAC endorsement. The Latino Leadership Alliance of New Jersey (LLANJ) joins NDAC in the interviews for the purpose of endorsement. *El Concilio Nacional Dominicano-Americano (NDAC) estrena una herramienta efectiva para influir en el ámbito político de Los Estados Unidos. Esta sesión interactiva presenta varios aspectos del proceso de endoso de candidatos como criterio, métodos y objetivos, así como también entrevistas reales a candidatos a diversos puestos políticos que piden el endoso de NDAC. La Alianza del Liderazgo Latino de New Jersey (LLANJ) se une a esta sesión, participando en las entrevistas con el propósito de consideración de endosos.*

Presenters: Dr. María Teresa Montilla, Leodany Hinojosa, Al Anton, Gino Hernandez, Delfin Vasquez.  
Moderator: Néstor Montilla

Candidates to be interviewed: Paul Pérez, Alex Méndez, Ariagna Perello, and Elmer A. Sandoval,  
Participants: Delegations from New York, New Jersey, Florida, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Puerto Rico, Maryland, and Connecticut

## 3. Immigrants' contributions in education & public service *Contribución de los inmigrantes en educación y servicio público*

Presenters: PR Legislator Claribel Martinez-Marmolejos, Dr. Victor Brown and Dr. Ralph Shoono, Bergen County Community College, and NYS Assemblywoman Carmen de la Rosa  
Moderator: Alejandro Benjamín

### **1:00PM - 3:00PM Lunch/Plenary Session & Swearing-in Ceremony Herbert M. Ellend Atrium**

- I. Welcome / Introduction of Program----- Nestor Montilla, Sr.
- II. President Remarks ----- Dr. Maria Teresa Montilla
- III. Acknowledgements  
NYS Assemblywoman Carmen de La Rosa, PA Councilman Julio Guridy, Camden Councilman Angel Fuentes, Newark Mayor Ras Baraka, Paterson Councilman Alex Mendez, Comm. Joel Ramirez, PR Legislator Claribel Martinez-Marmolejos, Newark Councilmen Anibal Ramos and Luis Quintana, NYC Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez
- IV. DANR President Swearing-In----- US Senator Robert Menendez
- V. NDAC President Swearing-in----- Passaic Mayor Hector Lora

Reception: TBA

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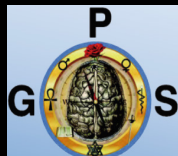
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