

MPSA Latina/o Caucus Business Meeting minutes

Friday, April 8, 2016

6:30pm

- I. Gina reviews the panels – author meets critic
 - a. Thursday: Anna Sampaio
 - b. Thursday: Henry Flores
 - c. Saturday: Brown and Gershon
 - d. Saturday: Val Martinez
- II. Awards
 - a. Best grad student paper
 - i. Angela Ocampo (UCLA)
 - ii. Bryan Wilcox-Archuleta (UW/UCLA)
 - b. Distinguished Career Award
 - i. Val Martinez
 1. Distinguished research professor
 2. Former VP APSA
 3. Former WPSA President
 4. Latino Caucus in Political Science
 5. Lots of publications (many books, articles, APSR editor)
 6. Helped discipline re: diversity
 7. Most awesome person Gina knows
 - c. Early Career Award
 - i. Efren Perez
 1. Newly tenured at Vanderbilt
 2. Lots of articles
 3. Not here to receive award
- III. Dues
 - a. \$5 for grad students
 - b. \$10 for Junior faculty
 - c. \$20 for Senior faculty
 - d. Collected \$80 AFTER giving each graduate student paper winner \$50 for their award
- IV. Office nomination
 - a. Newsletter editor - Christopher Olds at UCF
 - b. chris@chrisolds.com
- V. Back to business
 - a. Gina only received two paper proposals, so we lost a panel this year
 - b. 4 panels now, all books
 - i. Val agrees
 - ii. Tony agrees
 - iii. Need to negotiate panel times with Will Morgan
 - iv. They respond to complaints – we need to be broken wheels
 1. Tony does not like the Midwest
 2. Val agrees
 3. Gina wants the conversation elevated

- a. The audience applauds
4. Roundtables are working well
5. Gina supports the VP

VI. Remaining office nominations

- a. President: Betina Wilkinson
- b. Vice President: Niki Kalaf-Hughes
- c. Secretary: Andrea Silva
- d. Treasurer: Sergio Wals (in absentia)

VII. Finances

- a. Currently we have around \$375
- b. We need to consider how much we want to commit
- c. Gina, Betina, and Niki made the caucus more fiscally solvent, but the funds are not good
- d. We need more faculty in the room – how do we get them to the meeting?
- e. We need to grow the caucus!

VIII. Other business?

- a. Tony announces that Savannah Carroll, PhD has passed away on Thursday, April 7th from cancer
- b. Tony is looking for book reviewers in Latino politics

IX. Introductions and announcements

- a. Gina is being promoted to full!
- b. Christopher Olds (visiting professor at UCF)
- c. Patricia – University of Pennsylvania
- d. Andrea Silva – UCR → UNT, has a piece coming out in Latino Studies, is excited about UNT, UNT is excited about Andrea
- e. Danielle Lemi – UCR, she'll be on the market in the fall
- f. Angela Ocampo – 4th year grad student at UCLA, won paper award and Ford Fellowship
- g. Bryan Wilcox-Archuleta – now at UCLA, won paper award
- h. Tony Affigne – introduces himself as Rudy DelaGarza tells a story about the 1998 Latino Caucus Meeting
- i. UNT grad student whose name I missed (from Mexico)
- j. Melissa Martinez – UNT grad student
- k. Malda – UNT grad student from Turkey
 - i. Gina is proud of all of these students
- l. David Leal – UT Austin, he has allergies
- m. Betina Wilkinson – up for tenure in the fall, book is out!
- n. Niki Kalaf-Hughes – did not introduce herself, and therefore shared nothing with the crowd.