

# The Department of Puerto Rican and Latino Studies

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## Encuentro 2009

### Celebrating Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Possible Dream: Latin@ Arts, Communities, and Leadership  
*“The Department of Puerto Rican and Latino Studies,  
Reaffirming Our Vision: Evolution of a Revolution”*



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In the year that commemorates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Department of Puerto Rican and Latino Studies, Encuentro 2009 will focus on the achievements, legacy, and personalities that were instrumental in the Department's formation in the late 1960's and early seventies. The grassroots origin of PRLS was the product of a revolutionary student movement asserting its right to an education in a collegiate environment that was highly segregated in spite of its public function to educate the sons and daughters of the working class. The *evolution of a revolution* is the hallmark of the Department. As in the past, this year's Encuentro will feature a variety of academic, social, and cultural activities involving our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members in this premier event. We will celebrate the trials, tribulations, and joys of our 40 years of existence as we embark on a voyage to further define the *evolution of a revolution* at Brooklyn College.

## Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### 12:15 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Brooklyn College Student Center  
Campus Road and East 27<sup>th</sup> Street

For further information please contact Prof. Antonio Nadal at 718.951.5561

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12:15 p.m.– Student Center – Gold Room - 6th floor  
Greetings

Dean Milga Morales, Office of Student Affairs  
Dr. María Pérez y González, Chairperson

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12:20 p.m. to 2 p.m – Pioneers and Visionaries: Alumni and Student Activists, Then and Now  
Moderators: Prof. Alan Aja and Ms. Natalia Guarín-Klein

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2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – PRLS 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Documentary  
Coordinator: Prof. Irene Sosa

Featured Panelists: BC Alumni and Students

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4 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. BC Library – Woody Tanger Auditorium -1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Piano Recital Ensemble of Traditional Latin American Protest Songs  
Coordinator: Mr. César Reyes

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6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – BC Student Center – Penthouse

**Don Quijote Leadership Awards Reception**

Master of Ceremonies: Prof. Antonio Nadal

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Introduction: Dr. María Pérez y González, Chairperson  
Department of Puerto Rican and Latino Studies

**Panel Discussion:** “From Revolution to Evolution”  
PRLS Alums Speak on Brooklyn College experience

**Don Quijote Leadership Award Introduction:** Ms. Mildred Nieves Rivera

**Dinner and Raffle Drawing**

**Cultural Expressions**

Prof. Herminio Vargas, Poetry  
Dr. Carlos Rivera, Theatre Director BMCC  
Puerto Rican Alliance  
Hispanic Society  
M.E.D.O.  
Roberto Poveda  
Sigma Lambda Beta  
Surprise Artists

**The Don Quijote Leadership Award  
2009 Recipients:**

**Prof. Herminio Vargas**, BC Alumnus and Founder of Teatro Jurutungo  
Presenter: Monica Darquea-Salim, BC student

**Ms. Carol Robles Román**, Deputy Mayor of the City of New York  
For Legal Affairs  
Presenter: Rachel Strauss, BC Alumna

Encuentro 2009 Art Exhibit

***Evolution of a Revolution***

**Grand Opening Reception • Thursday, November 12, 2009 6-8pm**

Gold Room – Brooklyn College Student Center -6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Campus Road and East 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
Curator: Ms. María Catalano Rand