Message from the Editor

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Dear Reader,  

Welcome to Volume 4, Issue 1 of the FIU Law Review, which concludes our two-part series covering the Twelfth Annual LatCrit Conference, “Critical Localities: Epistemic Communities, Rooted Cosmopolitans, New Hegemonies and Knowledge Processes,” hosted by the Florida International University College of Law. As we conclude the LatCrit XII series, I’d like to thank the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 FIU Law Review staffs for their work on the issues, which included the rare task of preparing an article written entirely in Spanish for production—a first in the FIU Law Review’s short history. Many thanks as well to Professors Howard Wasserman and Hannibal Travis for their guidance during production, and special thanks to Professor Charles Pouncy for spearheading the effort to make the FIU College of Law the Conference’s host institution.

This issue’s subject matter, divided into two distinct clusters of Critical Politics & Jurisprudence and Critical Education, is particularly relevant in light of numerous significant events we have recently experienced and their continued reverberations. Whether it be endeavoring to approach the political process with less focus on partisanship, searching for solutions to a fractured economy (more on that next issue), or challenging each other to change the way we think about our education systems, we as a people are currently reevaluating and altering the way we think about various aspects of our society. It is my hope that this issue and the one that has preceded it add coal to that furnace.

Enjoy the issue,

Chris B. Carbot
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