



CODA 2015
Sunday, February 22
Rutgers School of Law-Center for Law & Justice

Program/Programa

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

Introduction: Prof. Rev. Alejandro Benjamin

Moderator: Néstor Montilla, Sr

10:15AM – 12:30PM Workshops/Talleres

1. 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.

2. 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

Alejandro Benjamin, BCCC

Dr. Aritmedes Restituyo

Dr. Munr Kazmir, M.B.B.S./M.D

Dr. Carlos Fernández, Director Rutgers' The Center Dr.

Jo Renee Fine, AJC

Sarah Levinson, AJC

Antonio Martínez II, Esq. DANR VP-NY

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

Speaker/Orador: Hon. Julissa Ferreras, NYC Councilmember

When a Community's Time has Come/ Cuando a Una Comunidad le Llega Su Hora

Panelistas:

Moderator: Néstor Montilla, Sr.

Dr. María Teresa Montilla, 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: *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*

Summary Remarks: Luis Abinader Corona, Economist