



# WCU Seventh Annual Latino Communities Conference



Keynote Speaker

**Dr. Melvin Delgado - *Boston University***



**“Engaging Latino Youth: Assets-based Analysis  
of Social Justice Service Learning  
and Civic Engagement”**

Increasingly critical service-learning and civic engagement have broad appeal among experiential learning approaches because many professions are actively using them across many diverse communities. The focus of this presentation will be on Latino communities in Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles, based on the deep analyses in Dr. Delgado’s forthcoming book *Community practice and urban youth: Social justice service-learning and civic engagement* (New York: Routledge Ltd.).

The potential to achieve meaningful change is greatly increased if these initiatives seek to enhance *community assets* rather than take a charity approach. This presentation will provide an overview and examples of these two experiential learning fields, identifying potential rewards and challenges for reaching and engaging Latino communities.

Dr. Delgado is a highly esteemed professor of Social Work at Boston University, serving Boston and many Latino communities across the U.S. for over three decades. He has degrees in Social Welfare, Mental Health Research, and Planning and Administration. His research interests focus mainly on social work in Latino communities, substance abuse prevention, natural support systems in communities of color, social work practice with Latino elders. He teaches courses on urban and community planning and program development. Recently Dr. Delgado was awarded a grant by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, to establish the Boston University Social Work Minority Research Center for Research and Training in Urban Communities of Color.

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