An underlying theme featured throughout the new special issue of the *CENTRO Journal* is “that the need for more research on the social conditions of Puerto Ricans is imperative,” according to José Luis Morín, guest editor of the fall 2012 edition.

Given the trend to grouping Puerto Ricans in with all Latinos for research, the unique condition of Puerto Ricans is not being sufficiently explored, Morín contends, and he stresses the necessity for “a concerted and sustained effort to produce studies on stateside Puerto Ricans will be required.” He commends Centro for taking the initiative to support and disseminate the research found in the *Journal*, which will be available for purchase from Centro in early March. The articles in this special issue, he said, make it clear why more research needs to be done.

“Puerto Ricans living in the United States endure social conditions that are cause for serious concern and that merit immediate attention and public policy action,” he wrote in his introduction. “As the research in this volume shows, the extent to which contemporary stateside Puerto Ricans are affected by poverty, inequality, the lack of adequate medical and mental health services, the broken educational pipeline, and
the absence of equity in access to legal education, representation and services is often overlooked by studies on the overall Latina/o population in the United States. While acknowledging the value of research that seeks to understand phenomena that cuts across all Latina/os, this special issue draws attention to the importance and need for research that disaggregates the various Latina/o groups in the United States.


There are also seven book reviews featured in the special issue.

Enmanuel Martínez on *Queer Ricans: Cultures and Sexualities in the Diaspora*, by Lawrence La Fountain-Stokes; Carlos Sanabria reviewed *Beyond El Barrio: Everyday Life in Latina/o America*, edited by Gina Pérez, Frank A. Guridy, and Adrian Burgos, Jr.; Efraín Barradas reviewed *Mapping Latina/o Studies: An Interdisciplinary Reader*, edited by Angharad N. Valdivia and Matt Gracia; Ignacio Rodeño reviewed *The Other Latin@: Writing Against a Singular Identity* edited, by Blas Falconer and Lorraine M. López; Ángel Israel Rivera reviewed *Decolonization Models for America’s Last Colony: Puerto Rico* by Ángel Collado-Schwarz; Yvonne M. Narganes Storde reviewed *El caldero quema’o; el contexto social-militar de los estadounidenses en Puerto Rico y otros lugares del Caribe durante el period entre-guerras,1919-1938*, by Héctor R. Marín Román; and Déborah Berman Santana reviewed *Battleship Vieques: Puerto Rico from World War II to the Korean War*, by César J. Ayala and José L. Bolivar.

For more information and to purchase a copy of the Journal, [Click Here](mailto:Click%20Here)].