We invite academic papers addressing, among other possibilities, the following questions:

- What are the current economic, housing, political and educational realities of Puerto Ricans in Chicago? How can these best be understood?
- Why is it that Puerto Ricans have fared less well than whites and other ethnic/racial groups?
- How might the realities of Puerto Ricans be explained within the Chicago context? What is similar and different about the experiences of Chicago Puerto Ricans compared to puertorriqueños in other parts of the country and those on the island?
- How might the experiences of various generational groups within the Chicago Puerto Rican community be described and explained?
- How have the realities of the housing market and financing structures shaped Puerto Rican’s experiences and ability to attain wealth?
- How have Chicago Puerto Ricans fared as entrepreneurs and what opportunities for self-employment exist in the city and community?
- Chicago has had a rich history of forming alliances across ethnic, racial, national, linguistic differences. What alliances persist through time? Are there new ones?
- What are the enduring tensions and conflicts that result from competition for resources, jobs, and political positions?
- What are the fissures among Puerto Ricans in terms of gender, sexuality, and social class as well as political ideology?

Simultaneously with the publication in CENTRO Journal of “A current look at Puerto Ricans in Chicago,” the Center for Puerto Rican Studies will consider for publication in its eMagazine, Centro Voices, all non-academic explorations of these questions (dialogs, short essays, photographic essays, poetry and other creative works) on the Puerto Rican community of Chicago.

Deadline for abstract submissions of no more than 250 words with paper title and keywords is October 15, 2014. Deadline for final paper submission is January 31, 2015. Send abstracts and submissions to: centro-journal@hunter.cuny.edu

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