Northeastern People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference (NEPOC)
December 5 – 8, 2013

The NEPOC Planning Committee is very excited to announce that the 2013 conference will be hosted by the University of Puerto Rico School of Law from December 5 to 8, 2013. The theme of this year’s conference will be Governing Human Vice.

Vice has been around as long as humans have and comes in many forms in all communities. Puerto Rico and many other states and territories are currently struggling to deal with the legal governance of drugs, gambling, guns and violence, human trafficking, hate and fear mongering and numerous other human vices. Please join us as we take a deeper look at the growing number of casinos and other gaming outlets, the debate over gun control, the legalization of marihuana, the changing attitudes about homophobia and misogyny, prostitution and pornography and their particular significance for people of color.

The Planning Committee and site hosts are hard at work figuring out logistics and programming as I write this, but please know that unlike past NEPOC conferences, we hope to have our plenaries, panels, etc. spread out over several days in Puerto Rico with more "free time" and time for informative tours and field trips each day. As you look forward at your travel budget for next year, also know that there are many reasonably priced flights from the USA, there will be a good range of hotel accommodations and car rentals are as cheap as $30 per day. We hope many of you will join us.

A call for papers and WIPs and award nominations will be made shortly. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Elaine M. Chiu at chiue1@stjohns.edu.

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