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University of St. Thomas Presents Forum on Conflict and the Hispanic Community

WHAT: The University of St. Thomas Center for International Studies and the Mayor's International Affairs and Development Council for the Americas present "A Community Forum on Conflict and the Hispanic Community," featuring discussions on the sources and views of conflict in the community and resolution concepts.

WHEN: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 3, 2008

WHERE: Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center, 4000 Mt. Vernon
Parking available in Moran Center, 3807 Graustark

BACKGROUND: The discussion will focus on how Houston, through its leaders and citizens, can identify the challenges and conflictive issues the community may face going forward and the possible ways of addressing those issues through collaborative processes. The forum will feature lectures by: Al Amado, founding and executive director of the Latin American Collaborative Education Project, on "The Escalation and Costs of Conflict," Habib Chamoun-Nicolás, honorary professor of Catholic studies, University of Santiago de Guayaquil, Ecuador, on "Negotiation as a Method of Conflict Resolution," John Nechman, attorney, Katine and Nechman, LLP, on "The Changing City and Its Conflict," and Sr. Marie Faubert, CSJ, UST professor of education and director of UST's Counselor Education Program, on "The Role of Religion in Resolving Conflict." A guided discussion on "Conflictive Issues in the Houston Hispanic Community" will follow. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in question and answer sessions.

COST: Free and open to the public

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