Historic changes in the racial and ethnic composition of the U.S. have created two distinct approaches to the study of Latino politics. One focuses on intra-ethnic questions of Latino political incorporation, the second on inter-minority relationships – particularly relations between Latinos and African Americans. This talk examines the politics of Afro Latinos, with the intent of discovering whether Afro Latinos represent a bridge of sorts between the African American and the Latino communities. This research reconceptualizes the study of Latino politics, highlighting the role of Afro Latino political interests in African American/Latino coalition politics.