
CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

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| PhD | University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, Puerto Rico PhD in Social Community Psychology (Summa Cum Laude) Thesis: <i>Participatory Democracy, Privatization and Social Change</i> <i>Approved: Outstanding</i> | 2007 |
| MA | University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, Puerto Rico Master's Degree in Social Community Psychology, 1996 (Magna Cum Laude) Thesis topic: <i>Salinas Community Movements: Rebuilding Hope</i> <i>Approved: Outstanding</i> | 1996 |
| BA | University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, Puerto Rico Bachelor's Degree in Social Psychology (Magna Cum Laude) | 1983 |

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

FULL

PROFESSOR University of Puerto Rico in Humacao (January 2000 at present)
Social Science Department

DIRECTOR University of Puerto Rico in Humacao (August 2017 to December
2019)
Director of the Social Sciences Department

EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR Agenda Ciudadana Foundation, Inc. (January 2012-to present)

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**INSTITUTIONAL
LIAISON**

**University of Puerto Rico & Agenda Ciudadana Foundation
(2014 to present)**

-Professor of the Training Program in Citizen Skills in Coordination with the Department of Continuing Education and Professional Studies (DECEP) of UPR Humacao.

-Adviser and Facilitator of Deliberative and Sustained Dialogues

**MONTHLY
COLUMNIST**

El Nuevo Día (GFR Media-Newspaper) (2009 at present)

Monthly columnist at El Nuevo Día, the highest-rated newspaper in Puerto Rico

DIRECTOR

**Transdisciplinary Institute for Social Action Research
University of Puerto Rico at Humacao (2007-2011)**

Other works carried out from the University of Puerto Rico in Humacao:

1. Researcher and evaluator of the Community Partnership for Youth Empowerment project, (2007-2010)
2. Producer and Moderator Community Program Opening Space. WALO Radio 1240 (2006 to 2009; Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00pm-3:00pm)
3. Puerto Rico Group Liaison of the Latin American Adult Education Council; CEAAL- Caribbean Region) (2007 to 2010)
4. Learning Communities Liaison. Project Alliance for Learning in Science and Mathematics (ALACIMA) (2004 to 2006)
5. Co-Director Project Community Alliance for Family Prevention and Strengthening (2003 to 2006)
6. CumUniRed Project Coordinator (2004 to 2008)
7. Consultant of the American Humanics and INAS-ITIAS projects (2000 to 2005)
8. ADVANCE Program Researcher (2002-2007)

Recent Publications:

Books and Memories:

1. **Lara, M.; Nieves, K.; et.al. 2019.** *Educación Ciudadana: Un Proyecto para la Democratización, la Transformación y el Cambio Social.* Guaynabo, Puerto Rico: EIAP-INAS-FAC Editors.
2. **Lara, M. 2013.** *Metodologías Capedconianas desde un Diseño Modular y su integración a la Educación Alternativa.* In R. Mori (ed.) **Manual for Alternative Education in Citizen Competencies for Youth in Schools and the Community.** San Juan, PR: Koiné Publisher.
3. **Lara, M. 2010.** *Manual de Ejercicios: Activación, Mobilización y Desarrollo de la Comunidad.* (Coordinator). San Juan, PR: Koiné Publisher.
4. **Lara, Maria (2007).** *Al Margen de los Márgenes- Complejidad y Transdisciplinariedad: Experiencias y Retos desde la Universidad.* (Coordinator). Transdisciplinary Institute of Research-Social Action (ITIAS), University of Puerto Rico in Humacao. Editorial Koiné. Humacao

Recent peer review publications: (using participatory-action-research methodologies)

5. **Lara M. & Molina, S. 2019.** *Citizenship Education for the Blossoming of Participatory Democracy.* Princeton, NJ: Research Association for Interdisciplinary Studies (RAIS at Princeton) (electronic) <http://rais.education/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/20ML.PDF>
6. **Lara, M. & López, F. 2016.** *Transdisciplinariedad e Investigación-Acción-Participativa: Hacia una Propuesta para Recuperar las Condiciones y el Sentido de lo Universitario.* San Juan, PR: University of Puerto Rico, UMBRAL Journal. No. 6. (electronic). <http://ojs.uprrp.edu/index.php/umbral>
7. **Lara, M 2012.** *Toward an Inclusive and Participative Education.* Bulletin of the Psychology Association of Puerto Rico. (electronic). <http://www.asppr.net>

Recent General Publications:

8. **Lara M. & Vega, A. 2014-2016.** *Social Ecosystem Participatory Design for Early Childhood.* (special supplement). San Juan, PR: El Nuevo Día. www.agendaciudadanapr.com
9. **Lara, M. (ed. & coord.). 2016; 2012; 2008.** *Agenda Ciudadana.* (special supplement). San Juan, PR: El Nuevo Día. www.agendaciudadanapr.com
10. **Lara, M.; Ortiz, B.; Figueroa X.; Santos, A. 2013.** *Citizen's Agenda: Collaborative Project that Facilitates Citizen Empowerment.* Barcelona, Spain. 4th International Conference of Community Psychology (Memories).

Recent Conference, Courses and Seminars

11. **Lara M. & Molina, S. 2019.** *Citizenship Education for the Blossoming of Participatory*

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Democracy. Princeton, NJ: Research Association for Interdisciplinary Studies (RAIS) at Princeton) (electronic) <http://rais.education/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/20ML.PDF>

12. Course in Dialogical Justice and Sustained Dialogue. UPR Law School (March-April 2019) 15 hours contact and 1 credit by the UPR-RP School of Law
13. Course in Sustained Dialogue (September-November 2018). 30 hours contact and 2 credits continuing education by DECEP-UPRH
14. Course in Citizen Competencies (February-May 2018) 30 hours contact and 2 credits continuing education by DECEP-UPRH
15. 10th ISTR World Conference. Stockholm, Sweden (July 2016) Participatory Design
16. 10th ISTR Regional Conference for America and the Caribbean 5 to 7 August 2015. Catholic University of Ponce. Innovation Panel on Citizen Action and Participatory Democracy.
17. First Research Congress at the University of Puerto Rico in Humacao. 28 October 2014. **Keynote Speaker:** The Wonder of The Search: The Multiplicity of Academic and Sustainable Research at UPRH
18. Second Annual Citizen Agenda Convention (April 2014) Keynote Speaker: Profile of a Competent Citizenship.
19. Economic Forum with the Government. Panelist in the round table: Total Reform of the Country's Public Education System: towards a globally competitive one. Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce. September 12, 2013. Condado Hilton Hotel.
20. First Symposium on Health Psychology in Puerto Rico. PR Psychology Association. Evidence of Praxis. Facilitating deliberative dialogue. September 6, 2013

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS:

2014: Keynote speaker and research recognition in the First Congress in Research. University of Puerto Rico at Humacao

2014: Social Responsibility Award, Association for Products of Puerto Rico.

2013: Psychologist of the year; Annual Convention of the Psychologist Association of Puerto Rico.

2013: Distinguished Alumni of the Year, University of Puerto Rico Alumni Association.

2009: Psychologist of the Year in Public Policy and Public Service; Annual Convention of the Psychologist Association of Puerto Rico

- First Research Congress at the University of Puerto Rico in Humacao (Special Recognition and Key Speaker). 28 October 2014. UPR in Humacao.
- Award for Social Responsibility awarded by the Puerto Rico Products Association (26 April 2014)
- Psychologist of the Year 2013. Puerto Rico Psychological Association Annual Convention (14 November 2013)

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- Distinguished Alumnus 2013 by the Association of Alumni of the University of Puerto Rico. (October 20, 2013)
- Community Transectorial Commission for Family Support and Education). Department of the Family. (recognition and outstanding representation)
- Puerto Rican Heritage Award 2013 awarded to the work of Citizen Agenda by the Collective Committee November. (November 15, 2013)
- Outstanding Woman 2013 at International Women's Week by the Senate of Puerto Rico
- Recognition of work in Citizen Agenda at the Community Service Summit held by the Metropolitan University (2012)
- Recognition of the work in Citizen Agenda by the Academy of Family Physicians of Puerto Rico (2012)
- Psychologist of the Year 2009 for Service and Public Policy. Puerto Rico Psychological Association Annual Convention

COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Educational and Community Program Support Corporation, Inc.,

(Founder and member of the Board of Directors)

- Director of Programs, Workshop leader and Facilitator from 1994-2012
- Director citizen agenda (2007 to 2011)

Community Group Support Network in Socio-Economic Development, Inc.

Chairperson of the Board of Directors and Coordinator of the Research and Public Policy Committee (2007-2009). Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors and Coordinator Of Public Policy Committee (2005-2007)

- Design, Coordination and Facilitation of the Community Conclave, UPR-Humacao, (April 2009)
- Community Manifest Coordination, San Juan (October 2008)
- Design and coordination of the Fourth National Congress on Public Policy for Community Affairs (June 2006)
- Coordinator Public Policy Committee (2002-2009).
- General Coordinator of the 4 National Congresses on Public Policy for Community Affairs (2000-2006)

Social Summit. Trainer and facilitator at the Labour Summit (2007)

Fourth Social Summit: facilitators and facilitators (2008)

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- Third Social Summit, for the inter-sectoral formulation of proposals for change in public policy, San Juan and Ponce, Puerto Rico. General Summit, rapporteur, August 2004
- Second Social Summit, for the inter-sectoral formulation of proposals for change in public policy, San Juan and Ponce, Puerto Rico. Meeting of Community Organizations Pre-Social Summit, *Facilitator*, January 2003.
General Summit rapporteur , February 2003

First Congress University-Community of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.

- Coordination Assistant, January 2004.

CONTENT EDUCATION, ACTIVITIES AND CONFERENCE ASSISTANCE

- Graphic Facilitation (U Theory). Visual Practice Facilitation. June 21-23 UPRH
- Seminar Theory U. Movement for a Better Puerto Rico of the Diocese of Caguas (several during 2015)
- U Theory Seminar. Society of Leadership, MIT. September 10 y 11 2014
- Seminar at Sustain Dialogue. International Sustain Dialogue Institute. 20-22 November 2013 (12 hours contact)
- Seminar on Heraclitus: An Ancient Wisdom. Puerto Rican Academy of the Spanish Language. 8 October to 5 November 2013 (10 hours contact)
- ZEN Buddhism Course: University of Puerto Rico in Bayamon (25 hours contact)
- Kettering Foundation and International Institute for Sustain Dialogue (2013)
- Seminar on Sustainability. Society For Organizational Learning (2013)
- 25th Annual Convention: Facing New Scenarios. Association of Professional Relationships of Puerto Rico (4-5 Octubre 2013. Embassy Suites, Dorado Challenges and Advances of Puerto Rico for the development of the Country brand: Did it take the turn of the communicators?
- Sacred is businesses: The Value of All October 23, 2013. Sacred Crazón University. Santurce, Puerto Rico.
- Economic Forum with the Government. September 12, 2013. Chamber of Commerce of Puerto Rico
- First Symposium on Health Psychology in Puerto Rico. PR Psychology Association. Evidence of Praxis. University of Puerto Rico in Río Piedras. September 6, 2013
- Talk about land management property use development programs. August 21, 2012. Bureau of Land Management, Hato Rey.

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- 1st Poverty Eradication Summit. Office of Special Communities. September 30, 2013 Puerto Rico Legislature.
- 14th Community Meeting on Domestic Violence: The Functionality of Law 54: Effective and Relevant. September 14, 2014. Puerto Rico Psychology Association: Now is the time: Puerto Rico participates, acts and evaluates November 15-17, 2012. Rio Grande.
- Business Dialogue. SHRM Convention 2012. Redefining corporate values and leadership: social context of our reality in Puerto Rico. Pedro Rosello Convention Center
- Fifth LINK Meeting. The relevance of the public university and the participation, governance and performance of accounts in the public university. April 20, 2012, Río Piedras.
- Sustain Dialogue Seminar. International Institute of Sustain Dialogue, Washington DC July, 2012
- 20th International Conference on Democratic Education. Caguas Fine Arts Centre (March 2012)
- Society for Organizational Leadership: The Fifth Discipline, Peter Senge (March, 2012)
- Fifth Professional Day, UPR-Humacao (August 2009)
- LASA 2008, Rio de Janeiro Brazil (June, 2009) Inequalities
- Second International Conference on Community Psychology, Lisbon, Portugal (June 2008)
- Fourth Professional Day, UPR-Humacao (August, 2008)
- Intercontinental Congress Universidad, Havana Cuba (February, 2008)
- Quinto Forum Paulo Freire, Valencia Spain (2006)
- First International Conference on Community Psychology (2006)
- Third UPR-Humacao Professional Day (August, 2005)
- Intercontinental Convention on Psychology and Social and Human Sciences HOMINIS 2005, Havana Cuba (October, 2005)
- World Association of Christian Communicators (WACC Caribe), Webinar Seminar for Community Organizations in the Caribbean (June 2004)
- University of Puerto Rico in Río Piedras. Alliance for Learning in Science and Mathematics. Seminar on School Culture and Learning Communities (2004)
- Administration of Mental Health and Addiction Services (ASSMCA)
- Model Training Strengthening Families (SFP), *Creating Lasting Family Connections* and Family Resilience (2003-2004)

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- University of Puerto Rico in Río Piedras. Resource Center for Science and Mathematics. Seminars on Learning Communities (2000-2002)
- University of Puerto Rico in Humacao. Seminar on Systematization (2001)
- University of Puerto Rico in Río Piedras. Meeting of Education and Thought. Values of Popular Education (2001)
- Sacred Heart University. Training in Andragogy (1995)
- Inter-American University. Assessment and Thinking Skills (1995)
- Council of Adult Education of Latin America (Meeting in Cuba). The Roots of Popular Education (1994)
- Base Leadership Training Methodological School. The Method in Popular Education (1994)
- Ana G. Mendez Educational Foundation. Nexos Project (Participation of one year in the research, conceptualization and design of an alternative education program for public schools in Puerto Rico). (1990-1992)
- University of Puerto Rico in Río Piedras. The Total Language Method (1995)
- Department of Education. The JTPA Act and Design of Special Programs for Schools and Communities. (1992)
- Central Office of Personnel Administration. Supervision and Administration (1988)
- Department of Social Services. Training in Parent School, Crisis Intervention, Conflict Management, Primary Prevention and others. (1989-1990)
- The Pacific Institute. Investment in excellence; Strategic planning; Training for facilitators (1990-91)
- Kettering Foundation. International Civil Society Workshop in Deliberation (1997-1999)

CONFERENCES, ACTIVITIES, WORKSHOPS, AND SERVICES OFFERED

- National Citizen and Emotional Competences Training Program (Webinars) 2020-2021
- Course in Dialogical Justice and Sustained Dialogue. UPR Law School (2021, 2020, 2019) 2 credits by the UPR-RP Law School
- Course in Citizen Competences UPR Law School (2021) 1 credit
- Course in Sustained Dialogue (September-November 2018). 30 hours contact and 2 credits continuing education by DECEP-UPRH
- Course in Citizen Competences (February-May 2018) 30 hours contact and 2 credits continuing education by DECEP-UPRH

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- 10th ISTR World Conference. Stockholm, Sweden (July 2016) Participatory Design
- 10th ISTR Regional Conference for America and the Caribbean 5 to 7 August 2015. Catholic University of Ponce. Innovation Panel on Citizen Action and Participatory Democracy.
- First Research Congress at the University of Puerto Rico in Humacao. 28 October 2014. **Master Lecture:** The Wonder of The Search: The Multiplicity of Academic and Sustainable Research at UPRH
- Seminar and Master Lecture: Profile of a Competent Citizenship. Second Annual Citizen Agenda Convention (April 2014)
- 25th Annual Convention: Facing New Scenarios. Association of Professional Relationships of Puerto Rico (4-5 Octubre 2013. Embassy Suites, Dorado. Challenges and Advances of Puerto Rico for the development of the Country brand: Did the turn it was for the communicators?
- First Symposium on Health Psychology in Puerto Rico. PR Psychology Association. Evidence of Praxis. Facilitating deliberative dialogue. September 6, 2013
- Puerto Rico Leaders Congress August 27, 2013. Ten-yearly education plan. San Juan.
- Forty-fifth Annual Meeting of United Funds. June 11, 2013. San Juan
- Social Mobilization Forum for Better Education in Puerto Rico. May 15, 2013. Sacred Heart University. SAPIENTIS
- Forum: Beyond Science and Mathematics: A Critical Look at Education in the Context of the Current Social and Economic Situation. May 3, 2013. UPR Rio Piedras.
- 1st Poverty Eradication Summit. Office of Special Communities. September 30, 2013 Puerto Rico Legislature. Panelist on: Development and Community Organization as a Tool for Change
- Puerto Rico's Annual College of Authorized Public Accountants Convention 2012. Economic Development Forums: Exploring Alternatives and Opportunities August 30, 2012. Embassy Suites, Rio Grande
- CORPUR Open Assembly 2012: Let's listen to God where life cries. October 12, 2012. Sustainable Economy Proposals from Agenda Ciudadana.
- 14th Community Meeting on Domestic Violence: The Functionality of Law 54: Effective and Relevant. September 14, 2014, San Juan. Public policy recommendations and strategies.
- 59th Convention 2012 of the Puerto Rico Psychological Association: Now is the time: Puerto Rico participates, acts and evaluates November 15-17, 2012. Rio Grande. Master Panel: Proposals for Economic Development of Citizen Agenda.
- Business Dialogue. SHRM Convention 2012. Redefining corporate values and leadership: social context of our reality in Puerto Rico. Pedro Rosello Convention Center. October 4, 2013
- The School of Community Service Education. May 2, 2012. Presentation The importance of serving our community. Turabo University, Caguas.

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- Presentation Public Views P of c 1185 to create multisectoral commission that defines a universal health system for Puerto Rico (2013)
- Lecture in public hearings on P of C 1032: to Create the Public Policy of Educational Participatory Plans. (August 27, 2013)
- ENACTUS Convention. Master speaker. Puerto Rico Convention Center (June 25, 2013)
- Criminology Forum at the University of the East (November 14, 2012)
- Strategic Planning Forum: Citizen Agenda: Philosophical, theoretical and methodological bases. September 1, 2012. College of Architects and Landscapers of Puerto Rico. San Juan

- **Master speaker of the University of the East's Degree Collation (June 12, 2012)**
- Educational Forum at UNE. Successful Educational Models on the Puerto Rican Stage (April 30, 2013)
- Participation, Governance and Account Ability, University Reform Working Group (April 20, 2012)
- Social Education Pact (design and facilitation of Country Project Dialogue between March 25-28, 2012)
- Social Journalism and Civic Journalism (training of editors and journalists for the promotion of participatory democracy through the media (November 2011-April 2012)
- Forum: Cause-and-Effect Relationship: The Checkmate of the Fight against Crime in Puerto Rico. UNE November 14, 2011
- **Master Speaker Collation de Degrees EDIC College (September 7, 2011)**
- Citizens Forums 2011 (facilitation of 15 Citizen Forums to 2,000 citizens in 15 municipalities of Puerto Rico between August-November 2011)
- The Facilitation of Citizen Participation (July 2011). UPRH
- Citizens' Competitions (seminar designed and offered in May 2011)
- Content and Processes in Alternative Education (seminar designed and offered in June 2011)
- Participatory Action Research (IAP) Design and implementation of workshops to elementary schools, professors and university students on the methodology of Participatory Action Research (August 2010-December 2011)
- Participatory Evaluation in Community Organizations (series of workshops for community leaders and workshops (October 2010-September 2011)
- Facilitation and design seminar on modular system for alternative education from an Andragogy approach. Cidra, 2010
- Panel: *IPA and school violence*. Convention of the Psychological Association. Participants: Dr Eduardo Lugo, Professor Félix López and Dr Lara (November 13, 2010)
- Lecture on IPA and the prevention of school violence presented at the 8th Educational Congress of the Ana G Méndez Educational System: Dr Lara (September 9, 2010)
- Master Lecture to Faculty of the University of the East on Transdisciplinary and

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- Complexity in Higher Education: Dr Lara (August 8, 2010)
- Lecture on the value of citizen participation in economic development at the Workshop for Business-Government Forum held by the Chamber of Commerce: Dr. Marcia Rivera and Dr Lara (20 April 2010)
 - Colloquium on the theme El País we build, social responsibility and citizen participation to faculty and students at the University of Turabo: Dr Lara (February 19, 2010)
 - Master lecture on Strategic Partnerships in Community Work at the 8th Leaders' Meeting held by the Procter and Gamble Foundation of Puerto Rico: Nelson Reyes and Dr Lara (March 17, 2010)
 - Moderator on the topic of equity and poverty in Puerto Rico of the Third National Legal Conference of the Association of Legal Services of Puerto Rico: Professor Sara Benítez, Procurator of the Elderly (August 19, 2010)
 - Speaker on the topic of Corporate Social Responsibility and Citizen Participation at the Fifth Business Social Responsibility Forum of the Association of Industrialists of Puerto Rico: Luis Gautier and Dr Lara (February 3, 2010)
 - Lecturer at Library Week presenting the results of research carried out at the Citizens' Forums held at UPRH in 2007. For this conference ITIAS invited a high school student from INAS to present the results: Dr Enrique López, Dr. Lara and Victor De León (April 2010)
 - Offer 3-Day Seminar to Trainers on Alternative Education Methodology and Modular System from an Andragogical Approach. June 2010
 - Presenting presentation to the House Education Committee on measures to elevate a 10-year Secretary of Education and on measures to investigate problems and possible solutions to improve public education in the country. October 2010
 - Lara, Maria. (March 2009). *Complexity and Transdisciplinary in the University-Community relationship* (Magistral Presentation) Research Day, UPR-Humacao
 - Lara, Maria. (April 2009). *Government, Market and Citizenship Role: Implications for Mental Health*. (Closing Panel). UPR-Río Piedras
 - Lara, Maria. (October 2008). Citizens' Agenda 2008. Master's Presentation College Board Convention. Government Convention Center, San Juan

 - Lara, Maria. (April 2008). *Citizens' Agenda and Citizens' Forums*. Education and Thought Encounter, Ponce Hilton
 - Lara, Maria (May 2008). *Citizens' Forums*. Master presentation. First Student Meeting on Human Rights. Inter-American University, Ponce
 - Lara, Maria (June 2006). *Margin Margins: Transdisciplinary Indicators in Community Relationship*. Final Report submitted Research Fund (FOPI).
 - Lara, Maria (September 2004). *Alphabetizing from the Community*. Master lecture at the First Adult Literacy Congress.
 - Lara, Maria (September 2004). *Social, Professional and Community Activism by Public Health*. Plenary Session of the Second Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health.

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- September 2004
- Lara, Maria (August 2004) *Communities of Learning and Curriculum Transformation*. Master lecture University of Puerto Rico in Ponce. August, 2004
 - Lara, Maria (August 2004). Dialogue on Quality of Life with Candidates for the Governorate. Design and Co-facilitation.
 - Lara, Maria (2004). *Advancing University-Community Public Policy Changes*. Lecture University of Puerto Rico in Cayey. 2004
 - International Responses to Face Violence. Facilitator of the RoundTable of the Operation Solidarity Foundation. April 2004
 - Community Education from the University. Olympic Hostel, Salinas, March, 2004.
 - Couples Conflict and Resistance Management. Lecture to the Association of Psychology Students of the University of Puerto Rico in Cayey. March, 2004
 - Civil Rights and Citizen Responsibility. Facilitator and Rapporteur of the Agenda for Life's Agenda Roundtable in Puerto Rico. November 2003
 - Methodological Aspects for Community Work. Foundation Congress. University of Puerto Rico in Mayaguez. October 2003
 - Puerto Rican Agenda for Quality of Life in Puerto Rico. Facilitation of dialogues. (May 2003)
 - Vieques Inside. Consultant section community organizations. (2002)
 - Self-management from Women. First National Meeting of Women, 2003
 - Community Government Relationship. Kettering Foundation, March 1999.
 - Benefiting, Serving, Developing. Volunteer Week, 2001
 - Opening Collaborative Spaces in Education, Research, Technical Assistance and Support towards Community Economic Socio-Economic Development. Citibank Roundtable. November 2001
 - Community Economic Development. Economic and Business Development Congress. 2000.
 - Workshop: How to Write Proposals with Communities, UPR-Humacao, October 2009.
 - Design, Coordination and Facilitation of the First Transectorial Health Dialogue, University of Sacred Heart (July, 2009)
 - Design and Facilitation 6 Round Tables and 7 accountability summits on education, economy, environment, health, families and security. Accountability Project, The New Day. Guaynabo (February-June 2009 and January to June 2010)
 - Workshop Transformative Leadership to students and professors University of Puerto Rico (April 2010)

PUBLICATIONS, MEMORIES AND ITEMS:

Lara, M. (2013) CAPEDCONIAN Methodologies from a Modular Design and its Integration in *Alternative Education, in Manual Alternative Education in Citizen Skills for Young People in School and Community*. Roberto Mori, Editor and Coordinator. Editorial KOIN, San Juan Puerto

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Rico.

Lara, M. & López, F. (2013) *Transdisciplinary and Participatory Action Research: Towards a Proposal for the Recovery of the Conditions to Shape the Sense of the University*. UMBRAL Magazine (electronic). <http://ojs.uprrp.edu/index.php/umbral>

Ortiz, B & Lara, M & Figueroa X, Santos, A. (2013). Citizen Agenda: Collaborative Project Facilitator of the Empowerment Citizen. 4th International Conference on Community Psychology. Barcelona (Memory)

Columns Published 2015 in the New Day Perspective Section:

- Multidestination (January)
- Collective Responsibility (February)
- Direct Democracy (March)
- Let Throw the First Stone (April)
- Puerto Rico to Another Level (May)
- How to the Phoenix (June)
- What If (July)
- Change Consciousness (August)
- The Action of Hope (September)
- Change (October)
- Health (November)
- Early Childhood (December)

Published Columns 2014 in the New Day Perspective section:

- The Granddaughter of Oscar (January)
- "Presence" (February)
- Out of Box (March)
- Democratic Governance (April)
- Populism (May)
- Doña Yuya and Don Paco (June)
- Participate to Transform (July)
- UPR (August)
- Sustainability (September)
- Discomfort (October)

Columns Published 2013 in the VOICES section of The New Day:

- Happiness and Development (October 4)
- Participatory Democracy (September 6)
- The Little Fight (August 2)

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- Here they are (July 5)
- Solidarity Economy (June 7)
- Revolutionary Education (May 3)
- Model Forest and Sustainable Development (April 5)
- Country Project (March 1)
- UBUNTU (February 1)
- Don't Let Anyone Say Goodbye (January 4)

Lara, M (2012). Towards Inclusive and Participatory Education. Bulletin of the Puerto Rico Psychological Association (electronic) <http://www.asppr.net>

Lara, M & Figueroa, X. (2012). *Disengaged and Democratic Education for Puerto Rico*. Second Qualitative Researchers Meeting. University of the East, Carolina. (Memory).

Columns Published 2012 in the VOICES section of The New Day:

- Citizen Responsibility (January 6)
- We're still on Route (February 3)
- To Exit the Trenches (March 2)
- What Matters (April 6)
- Priorities in the Citizenship Agenda (May 4)
- Public Policy for Self-Management (June 1)
- Young People Building the Present (July 6)
- Dialogue to Raise a Country (August 3)
- What We Came to (September 7)
- Unlinking (October 5)
- Let's decide (November 2)
- Ethics and Democracy (December 7)

Lara, M. (2010). *Exercise Handbook: Activation, Mobilization and Community Development (Coordinator)*. Editorial Koiné, San Juan Puerto Rico

Ortiz, B & Lara, M. (2010). *Citizen Participation for the Promotion of a Social Policy of Equity: Citizen Forums in Puerto Rico in Social Policy and Social Work: It made a Construction of Equality*. Nilsa Burgos, Editor

Lara, M. (June 2009. LASA 2009. *Transdisciplinary Internships from the University*. panel. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Memory)

Lara, Maria (June, 2008). *Making a Complex and Transdisciplinary Knowledge*. Second International Conference on Community Psychology. Lisbon, Portugal (June, 2008)

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Lara, Maria (June, 2008). *Citizen Participation for Social Transformation*. Second International Conference on Community Psychology. Lisbon, Portugal

Lara, Maria (2009-2011) El Nuevo Dia. A monthly column on various topics of Accountability, Participatory Democracy, Community Affairs and Citizen Competences (24 Columns)

Lara, Maria (2008). *2008 Citizens' Agenda*. Coordinator and Editor, CAPEDCOM, Inc., Caguas Puerto Rico (2008)

Lara, M (2007). *Participatory Democracy, Privatization and Social Change*. Doctoral dissertation submitted to the Graduate School of Psychology of the University of Puerto Rico at Río Piedras. (May, 2007)

Lara, Maria (2007). *Margins-Complexity and Transdisciplinary: Experiences and Challenges from the University (Coordinator)*. Transdisciplinary Institute of Research-Social Action (ITIAS), University of Puerto Rico in Humacao. Editorial Koiné. Humacao

Lara, Maria (2006). Module in Conflict Management. Editorial Koiné. Piedras River

Lara, Maria (2006). Module in Process Facilitation. Editorial Koiné. Piedras River

Lara, Maria (2006). Module in Deliberative Dialogue. Editorial Koiné. Piedras River

Lara, Maria (2004). *Community Organizations and their Impact on Public Policy Formulation*. Lecture VI Meeting on Social Policy and Social Work, Panama, 2004

Lara, Maria (August, 2004) *Public Residential Administration*. Presentation Third Social Summit, August 2004 (Memory)

Reports of the Second National Congress of Public Policy for Community Affairs (dvd version). Third National Congress on Public Policy for Community Affairs. May, 2004

Valuation and Measurement of the Third Sector in the Construction of Quality of Life. Agenda for Quality of Life in Puerto Rico, May 2003 (Memory)

Participatory Democracy or Privatization: Identifying Practices Towards Social Change in Community-Based Organizations. Fourth Women's Colloquium, April 2003 and Transformative Learning Centre, Ontario. Canada (October 2003)

Privatization of Public Residentials: Experiences and Reflections of Public Residential Residents' Leaders and Boards with the Privatization Model. Second Social Summit, February 2003. (Memory)

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Relationship Community University. Meetings in the Dominican Republic and Guatemala (2001-2001)

Preparing for life, education and change. Issue Book, 2002.

Socio-Economic Development of Vieques. Issue Book (2002)

We are the Third Sector. Community Liaison Bulletin, December 2001.

Certificate in Management in Community Socio-Economic Development. Curriculum modules in personal development, community development and community economy (15 courses). 2000-2001

Public Policy for Community Affairs: Making The Contradiction The Practice. First National Congress of Public Policy for Community Affairs, April, 2000. (Memory)

Community Liaison Bulletin. CAPEDCOM, Inc. 11 Community Education Bulletins (2000-2001)

NATIONAL RECOGNITIONS AND AS A CITIZEN AGENDA DIRECTOR:

- First Research Congress at the University of Puerto Rico in Humacao (Special Recognition and Key Speaker). 28 October 2014. UPR in Humacao.
- Award for Social Responsibility awarded by the Puerto Rico Products Association (26 April 2014)
- Psychologist of the Year 2013. Puerto Rico Psychology Association Annual Convention (November 2013)
- Distinguished Alumnus 2013 by the Association of Alumni of the University of Puerto Rico. (October, 2013)
- Puerto Rican Heritage Award 2013 awarded to the work of Citizen Agenda by the Collective Committee November. (November 15, 2013)
- Outstanding Woman 2013 at International Women's Week by the Senate of Puerto Rico
- Recognition of work in Citizen Agenda at the Community Service Summit held by the Metropolitan University (2012)
- Recognition of the work in Citizen Agenda by the Academy of Family Physicians of Puerto Rico (2012)
- Distinguished Lady Tribute of the Civic Ladies Chapter of Caguas (2012)
- Psychologist of the Year 2009 for Service and Public Policy. Puerto Rico Psychological Association Annual Convention

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER COMMITTEES

- Puerto Rico Psychology Association (member 2009 present)
- Advisory Board of Human Services Research Partnerships Puerto Rico (HSRPPR). Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, Metro Campus. 2013 to the present.
- Coordinator and Editor Magazine (Number 6) Threshold (2012) Transdisciplinary and University: For a Complex and Democratic Knowledge
- Board of Directors of the Citizen Agenda Foundation; Executive Director (2012 to present)
- Board of Directors Together by Puerto Rico, Inc. (2015 to the present)
- Board of Directors of The Community Financial Advisors, Inc. (2015 to the present)
- Board of Directors Together for Puerto Rico, Inc.
- Joint Board of Evidence-Based Practices of the Sociomedical Research and Evaluation Center (2010 to 2014)
- Advisory Board of the Center for Public and Corporate Governance of the University of Turabo (March 2013 to present)
- Adviser to the Committee on Socio-Economic Development and Planning of the House of Representatives (*adhonorem*)
- Adviser to the Adhoc Committee of the Puerto Rico Senate Citizen Participation Office and the Office of Citizen Participation of the House of Representatives(*Adhonorem*)(2013-2014)
- Member of the Local Organizing Committee of the 2014 World Early Childhood Forum (July 2013-2014)
- Liaison Coordinator of the Alliance of 12 Media for the Puerto Rico we want (January 2013 to the present)
- Board of Youth Advisor slap of the Boys and Girls Club of Puerto Rico (January 2013 to present)
- Board of the CSBG of the Municipality of San Juan (June 2013 to the present)
- Editorial Board Virtual Journal Model of Cultural Economy and Education for Peace www.journals.unam.mx/index.php/mecedupaz (editor 2010 to present)
- Editorial Board Social Area, El Nuevo Día Newspaper(2009-2010-advisor)
- Latin American Adult Education Council (CEAAL) 2000-2010
- World Association of Christian Communicators (WACC Caribe) (2002-2006)
- Puerto Rican Agenda Center for Quality of Life (Directors Board 2004-2007)
- Operation Solidarity Foundation (Board of Directors-2003-2005)
- Social and Educational Community Support Coalition (Training Committee)
- Community Group Support Network in Socio-Economic Development, Inc. Board of Directors
- Educational and Community Program Support Corporation, Inc. Founding Member and Board of Directors (1994-2012)

Languages:

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Spanish and English

PARTICULAR INTERESTS:

Reading: Latin American literature, complexity-transdisciplinary, physical sciences, psychology, participatory democracy

Cultural travel

Community work

References:

Dr. Rosa Reyes, Former Dean University of Puerto Rico Humacao

Lcda. Vivian Neptune, Dean Law School University of Puerto Rico Río Piedras

Ivan Baez, CEO Walmart, Puerto Rico

Luis Alberto Ferré Rangel, President Fundación Agenda Ciudadana

Dr. Roberto Mori González. Emeritus Professor, Department of Social Sciences University of Puerto Rico in Humacao

Dr. Aida Rodríguez Roig, Chancellor University of Puerto Rico Humacao