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EDUCATION

- PhD** **Heller School for Social Policy and Management
Brandeis University**
Waltham, Massachusetts
Concentration in Health Policy, February 1991
- MSW** **Boston University School of Social Work**
Boston, Massachusetts
Specialization in Community Organization, Management and
Planning, May 1981
- BA** **University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus**
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico
Major in Psychology, June 1977

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| FULL PROFESSOR
(2001 – present) | Department of Health Services Administration
Graduate School of Public Health |
| ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
(1995 – 2000) | Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico
San Juan, Puerto Rico |

Teach courses on *Health Policy* (ADSS 6584) and *Advanced Health Policy* (ADSS 6620) to students in the Public Health General Program. Also taught the *Public Health and Community Health Research* course (MCUA 7427) to fourth-year medical students from 1998 to 2015. This course required coordination with multiple community-based organizations and community groups that provide the topics for the student projects and then collaborate in the conceptualization and implementation of the projects. Have also taught: the *Health and Development* (ADSS 6580) and *Comparative Health Systems* (ADSS 6576) courses for students in the Health Services Administration Program; the *Medicine in Society* (MPRI 7127) course for first-year medical students; and, the *Community Health* course for first-year dentistry students. Created and taught the *Community-Based Managed Care Practice* course (MISH 7015). Coordinated the development and implementation of the *Interdisciplinary Health Care Team Practice*

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course (INTD 7005 and 6025), the first course to have students from all six UPR-MSC schools. Coordinated a community-academic partnership between the Cantera Peninsula Community Development Project and the Graduate School of Public Health, which led to the creation of the *Health Promotion and Family Alternatives Initiative*. This included conducting a community health needs assessment that entailed involvement and participation from multiple stakeholders, and then writing the proposal that created the health promotion initiative for the Cantera Peninsula community, which received more than \$1.8 million in funding over six years. Served on multiple Graduate School of Public Health, School of Medicine, and Medical Science Campus faculty committees. Have also coordinated an academic collaboration between the UPR-Medical Sciences Campus and the Cuba National School of Public Health (ENSAP, Spanish acronym) which included: organizing a trip of UPR-MSC faculty and students to Cuba to learn about the Cuban health care system and their approach to training health professionals in community-oriented primary care, and to meet with ENSAP faculty to discuss, define and develop collaborative research and educational projects; and, sponsoring a group of ENSAP faculty members to travel to Puerto Rico for a week to learn about the Puerto Rican health care system, and to meet with personnel from community-based health organizations and UPR-GSPH faculty members to discuss, define and develop collaborative research and educational projects. I also developed and taught a course ADSS 6865 (Special Projects): *Intensive Analysis of the Cuba National Health System*, and coordinated an MOU between the Medical Sciences University of Havana and the UPR Medical Sciences Campus.

DEAN

(2014 – 2017)

Graduate School of Public Health

Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Dean of the Graduate School of Public Health (GSPH), the only school of public health in Puerto Rico accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). The Dean is the Chief Executive Officer of the School and, as such is responsible for overseeing all academic and administrative matters. The School's administrative structure includes: the Office of the Dean, the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, the Administration Office, the Office for Student Affairs, the Curriculum and Evaluation Office, the Division of Continuing Education and Professional Studies, the Center for Evaluation and Sociomedical Research, the Family Planning Program, the Institute on Developmental Disabilities, and the Informatics and Interdisciplinary Studies Center; eight standing faculty committees; and, the Student Council. The School has five academic departments (Biostatistics and Epidemiology, Environmental Health, Health Services Administration, Human Development, and Social Sciences), with 20 graduate academic programs, including three doctoral programs; approximately 450 students; 75 full-time and over 35 part-time faculty members; 66 administrative and support staff; and a budget of \$20 million.

**PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
AND DIRECTOR**
(2005 – present)

UPR Center for Public Health Preparedness
Graduate School of Public Health
Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Responsible for the conceptualization, development and implementation of public health emergency and disaster preparedness activities carried out by the UPR-CPHP, including writing proposals seeking funds for the implementation of the Center's undertakings. We have obtained more than \$10 million in grants and contracts to support the UPR-CPHP's work during the past 15 years. The UPR-CPHP focuses on training, service and research aimed at enhancing the level of emergency and disaster preparedness and response capability of first responders, public health emergency workers, hospital and Department of Health personnel, as well as that of organizations, centers and institutions that serve vulnerable populations, such as the elderly, pre-school children, adults with mental retardation, tourists and homeless persons. The UPR-CPHP's work has included: the installation of hi-tech audio/visual equipment in GSPH classrooms for trainings; training of Center faculty persons in emergency, disaster and bioterrorism topics; the development of training materials in diverse formats, including a CD-ROM series of five interactive, self-instructional modules on *Threats to Public Health in Puerto Rico: Pandemic Influenza and Dengue*, a three-module, six unit series entitled *Introduction to Public Health*, and modules on *Strategic National Stockpile and Points of Dispensing Sites (PODs)* and *Hospital Evacuation*; carrying out more than 100 trainings with over 3,500 participants; the translation, adaptation and dissemination of instructional materials developed by the Emory-CPHP; and, the implementation of various research assessment projects including: *An Assessment of the Emergency and Disaster Preparedness and Response Capability of Institutions that Serve the Elderly, Preschool Children, and Tourists in Puerto Rico*; *An Assessment of the Emergency and Disaster Preparedness and Response Capability of Institutions that Serve Adults with Mental Retardation in Puerto Rico*; *Voluntary Organizations and Their Role in Emergency Preparedness and Response in Puerto Rico*; *An Assessment of Emergency and Disaster Management of a Mass Fatality Incident by Hospital Emergency Rooms in Puerto Rico*; *An Assessment of Emergency Preparedness of Hospitals and Community Organizations that Serve Persons Experiencing Homelessness in Puerto Rico*; Implementation of a Structural, Non-Structural and Functional Hazard Vulnerability Assessment of Puerto Rico Medical Center Healthcare Facilities; and, *Update and Implementation of the Puerto Rico Department of Health Hazard and Vulnerability Assessment*. Other projects included: *Development of Emergency Plans for Healthcare Facilities in Puerto Rico*; *Development of an Emergency Health Planning Model for Puerto Rico*; *Development of a Preliminary Crisis Standards of Care Guidance for the Puerto Rico Department of Health*; *Development of a Medical Emergencies Operational Plan for Vieques and Culebra*; *The Revision and Update of the Puerto Rico Department of Health Basic Emergency Plan*; *Revision and Update of the Puerto Rico Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Operations Plan and Continuity of Operations Plan*; and *Laboratory capacity building and implementation of enhanced surveillance for leptospirosis and melioidosis in Puerto Rico*, and *Hurricane Maria Mortality Investigation*.

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CHAIRPERSON (2002 – 2007)

Department of Health Services Administration
Graduate School of Public Health
Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Chairperson of the Department of Health Services Administration, which has fourteen faculty members and four academic programs: Master of Health Services Administration, Master of Evaluation Research in Health Systems, Master of Public Health (General), and the Teaching Public Health to Medical Students Program, as well as the Puerto Rico Institute for Health Services Research. Member of the School's Executive Committee, and the Administration and Teaching Committee.

COORDINATOR (2004 – 2007)

Masters in Public Health General Program
Department of Health Services Administration
Graduate School of Public Health
Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Responsible for coordinating all administrative and academic aspects of the Masters of Public Health General Program.

INTERIM DEAN (2005 – 2006)

Graduate School of Public Health
Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Interim Dean of the only school of public health in Puerto Rico accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). The Dean is the Chief Executive Officer of the School and, as such is responsible for overseeing all academic and administrative matters. The School's administrative structure includes: the Office of the Dean, the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, the Administration Office, the Office for Student Affairs, the Curriculum and Evaluation Office, the Division of Continued Education and Professional Studies, the Center for Evaluation and Sociomedical Research, the Family Planning Program, the Institute on Developmental Disabilities, and the Informatics and Interdisciplinary Studies Center; eight faculty standing committees; and, the Student Council. The School has five academic departments (Biostatistics and Epidemiology, Environmental Health, Health Services Administration, Human Development, and Social Sciences), with 23 academic programs; more than 550 students; 62 full-time and over 30 part-time faculty members; over 100 administrative and support staff; and a budget of over \$18 million. Member of the Medical Sciences Campus' Administrative Board and Executive Council. Member of research team that conducted a legal and policy analysis of the adequacy of federal and local statutory and regulatory codes under which public health actions could be taken to address a public health emergency in Puerto Rico. Member of ASPH Centers for Public Preparedness International/Global Preparedness Education Collaboration Group.

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**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
FOR STUDENT HEALTH
SERVICES TRAINING**
(1996 – 2006)

Hispanic Center of Excellence
School of Medicine
Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Responsible for conceptualizing, writing the proposal for, developing and implementing the *Student Training in Health Care Services* component for the School of Medicine's Hispanic Center of Excellence. During the 2005-2006 grant cycle, our work consisted of integrating the teaching of health policy and health systems into the School of Medicine curriculum through the third-year clinical clerkships of Pediatrics, Internal Medicine and Surgery. The 2002-2005 grant cycle work focused on incorporating managed care principles and concepts into the School of Medicine curriculum through the third-year clinical clerkships of Pediatrics, Internal Medicine and Surgery. During the previous grant cycle (1999-2002), I developed and coordinated the *Community-Based Managed Care* course for medical students, and developed and coordinated the *Interdisciplinary Health Care Teams Practice* course for students from all six UPR Medical Sciences Campus schools. During grant cycle 1996-1999, I chaired the Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC) Committee comprised of faculty members from the Graduate School of Public Health, and coordinated the development and implementation of a 35-hour, 10 week COPC training aimed at the UPR-SOM faculty and staff who work at the school's clinical sites, which included the development of a "*COPC in Puerto Rico*" manual that was provided to all participants.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
(1995 – 1999)

Department of Family Medicine
Ponce School of Medicine
Ponce, Puerto Rico

Taught seminars for school of medicine students on: the United States health care system, the health of Latinos and Blacks in the United States; and the health systems of industrialized and developing countries.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
(1989 – 1995)

**Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino
Community Development and Public Policy**
University of Massachusetts, Boston
Boston, Massachusetts

Co-founder of this Latino research institute. Responsible for coordinating and implementing the Institute's health research and policy analysis activities. This included writing proposals and seeking grants and contracts to conduct basic and applied research projects, including evaluation research, and policy analysis on Latino community health issues. Provided capacity-building and technical assistance such as resource assessments, needs assessments, trainings, and other management assistance services to Latino community-based organizations and other health and human service providers. Disseminated information on Latino health issues and concerns to health care and human

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service providers, Latino community organizations and activists, key policymakers such as the Legislature, the Governor's Office, and various mayors, academicians, and others through publications, presentations, seminars and conferences. Was the Chairperson of the Latino Health and Mental Health Research Group and served as the Gastón Institute's representative for *Agencias Latinas Unidas*.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

(1991 – 1995)

LECTURER

(1986 – 1990)

University of Massachusetts at Boston

College of Public and Community Service

Human Services Center

Boston, Massachusetts

Taught various courses including *Community Health, Community Organizing, National Health Policy, Social Science Research Methods, The Elderly and the Legislative Process, Interviewing and Reporting, and History of Human Services* in an interdisciplinary Human Services Program. Coordinated a collaboration project between the College of Public and Community Service (CPCS) and various Latino community-based organizations, which sought to provide technical assistance such as resource assessments and needs assessments to the agencies, support the professional development of their staff, and recruit students. Served on multiple UMB and CPCS committees including: Provost's Committee on Access, Gerontology Curriculum Committee, Diversity Requirement Advisory Group, Human Services Department Personnel Committee, University-Community Collaborations Committee: Chelsea Initiative, CPCS Personnel Committee, Research Institutes' Committee, Organizational Assistance Program Committee, University Faculty Council, and the Joseph P. Healey Endowment Grant Committee, in addition to having served on more than seven university search committees.

DIRECTOR

(1984 – 1986)

Massachusetts Commission on Hispanic Affairs

State House, Boston, Massachusetts

Responsible for supervising the staff of a legislative commission with a mandate to document the needs and priority problems of the state's Latino population, and develop public policies to address the identified needs. Duties included overseeing and coordinating policy analysis, research, and legislative activities with emphasis on Latino community health issues, as well as writing and production of reports. Coauthored a progress report and demographic profile of Latinos in the state. Wrote a report on health issues of the Latino population of Massachusetts and submitted legislation to address various Latino health policy issues. Advised various public officials, including the Governor and the Mayor of Boston on issues relevant to the Latino population, and presented a profile of and the needs of Latinos to pertinent government agencies. Meet with Latino community-based organizations and community groups throughout the Commonwealth to document their problems, and coordinated public hearings on Latino issues at the State House.

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TEACHING ASSISTANT
(1983 – 1984)

Heller School for Social Policy and Management
Brandeis University
Waltham, Massachusetts

Teaching assistant for statistics laboratory for first-year doctoral students as part of Social Research Methods and Statistics course taught by Dr. Norman R. Kurtz.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES DIRECTOR**
(1981 – 1983)

Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA)
Boston, Massachusetts

Responsible for the management, development, planning, and evaluation of a health and human services program comprising Family, Elderly, Youth, and Legal Units within a Latino community-based organization that focused on the health and welfare of a predominately Puerto Rican community in the South End of Boston. Duties included: supervision of more than fifteen staff persons; development and implementation of an annual work plan; conceptualization and implementation of a health needs assessment, writing proposals to generate program funding; recruitment of personnel required to meet the programmatic goals and objectives for each of the four units; and providing in-service training for staff. Negotiated with funding sources, including state entities, and ensured compliance with contracts. Planned, organized and conducted community health and educational workshops, and community organization and empowerment efforts.

OTHER ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Co-PI with Dr. Susan Spierre Clark. (October 2021). *Assessing the Well-Being and Health Impacts of Infrastructure Disruptions for Communities in Puerto Rico*. Public Health Disaster Research Award Supported by the Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado Boulder with the support of the National Science Foundation and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (\$50,000 Award)

Co-PI with Dr. Heriberto Marin-Centeno (August 2021) Hurricane María Mortality Investigation, subaward by George Washington University, funded by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Co-PI with Dr. Heriberto Marin-Centeno and Dr. Elba Díaz-Toro, *Study to Evaluate the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Federally Qualified Health Centers in Puerto Rico and Recommendations to Strengthen their Operations* (Puerto Rico Primary Care Association; 2020-2021).

Advisor, *Centro de Apoyo Mutuo y Resiliencia Comunitaria Las Carolinas*, collaborated in the writing of proposal that obtained \$20,000 to support community's projects (2019 – present).

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Advisory Committee Member, Community Health Workers Project, Corporation for Primary Care Services and Socioeconomic Development *El OTOAO* (2018-present); collaborated in the writing of proposal that obtained \$500,000 to support a Community Health Workers Project (2019 – present).

Advisory Committee Member, Puerto Rico Central Cancer Registry (2017).

Executive Advisor to Directors' Council, Alliance of Public Health Associations of the Americas (2016- present).

Coordinator, *Collaborative Academic Agreement between the University of Medical Sciences of Havana and the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus* (2015-2019).

Member of Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Medical Education Cooperation with Cuba (MEDICC) (2015-present).

Coordinator, *Collaborative Academic Exchange between the Cuban National School of Public Health and the University of Puerto Rico Graduate School of Public Health* (2012-2019).

Advisory Council Member, Medical Education Cooperation with Cuba (MEDICC) (2012-2015).

Reviewer, MEDICC Review, International Journal of Cuban Health and Medicine (2008).

Consultant, Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network (Allentown, Pennsylvania) on cultural competency and diversity in health care (2008).

Principal Investigator, *A Study of Long-Term Care Services in Puerto Rico*, sponsored by the Puerto Rico Office of the Ombudsperson for the Elderly (2007-2008).

Member, Commission to Evaluate the Puerto Rico Medical Examiners Board, appointed by Dr. Rosa Pérez Perdomo, Puerto Rico Secretary of Health (2007).

Participant, round table discussion on “The Needs of Persons with Developmental Disabilities in Public Health Emergencies and Disasters,” sponsored by the Institute on Developmental Disabilities, University Center for Excellence in Education, Research and Service, UPR Graduate School of Public Health (2007).

Participant, First Regional Meeting of Public Health Educational Institutions Regarding the Drug Phenomenon and International Health, sponsored by CICAD-OAS and PAHO, Lima, Peru (2005).

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Participant, workshop for the “Evaluation of the Essential Public Health Functions in Puerto Rico” sponsored by the Puerto Rico Department of Health and the Pan American Health Organization (2004).

Reviewer, Caribbean Studies, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus (2004).

Participant, Curriculum Review Workshops, UPR School of Medicine (2001-2014).

Participant, Puerto Rico Health Sector Analysis, Health Insurance and Financing Group, Pan American Health Organization and Puerto Rico Department of Health (2004).

Participant, round table discussion on “Constructing Comprehensive Health”, sponsored by the Operation Solidarity Foundation’s Agenda for Quality of Life in Puerto Rico and *El Nuevo Día* (2003).

Participant, workshop for the “Evaluation of the Essential Public Health Functions in Puerto Rico” sponsored by the Puerto Rico Department of Health and the Pan American Health Organization (2001).

Participant, workshop for the design of “Citizen Participation and Local Governance Project” to assist public managers to devise practical alternatives to traditional models of service provision in Guatemala City, Guatemala sponsored by the World Bank Institute of the World Bank (2001).

Key Informant, “Study of Social Needs in Puerto Rico,” performed by *Estudios Técnicos*, Inc. (2001).

Participant, round table discussion on “Inter-sectorial Support for Community Socioeconomic Development,” sponsored by CitiBank N.A. (2001).

Senior Research Fellow, University of Massachusetts, Boston, Cultural Competence Technical Assistance Team (1998-1999).

Advisory Board member, *BioMedicina*, Puerto Rico Edition (1998).

Advisor to UPR-MSU Chancellor Dr. Jorge Sánchez on the development of health care services for the Cubuy community in Canóvanas, Puerto Rico (1996-1997).

Editor of Ramírez, R. and Muñoz, C. “Coordinating Health Care Reform with the U.S. Territories and Possessions: The Case of Puerto Rico,” Institute of Administration and Public Policy of Puerto Rico (1996).

Consultant, Crespo & Associates, Inc., marketing research project for major New England health maintenance organization that aimed to determine potential Latino market; assisted in initial marketing strategy development, and test effectiveness of a promotional campaign (1995).

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Consultant, Crespo & Associates, Inc., market research project to determine Latinos' appeal to health insurance product by focus groups and analysis of socio-demographic data (1994).

Consultant, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on national project that conducted focus groups to determine the Latino populations' opinion about legal restrictions on the tobacco industry (1994).

Principal Investigator, "Latino Community-Based Organizations Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance Project," Massachusetts Department of Public Health (1994-1996).

Consultant, Education and Training Department of Brigham and Women's Hospital in effort to assess Latina women's perception of the Spanish language abilities and cultural sensitivity of the hospital's perinatal staff (1994).

Reviewer, Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (1993).

Principal Investigator, Community Resource Assessment of three Boston neighborhoods for Casey United funded by Casey Foundation (1993).

Program Evaluator, "Spanish for Better Patient Care," Brigham and Women's Hospital (1993).

Program Evaluator, ROCA 5-year High-Risk Youth Substance Abuse Early Intervention Project funded by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (1993-1997).

Consultant, research project on "Nutrition and Frailty among Elderly Hispanics in Massachusetts," Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging, Tufts University (1993).

Principal Investigator, "Role Burdens and the Health of Latina Women" funded by the National Council of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organizations (COSSMHO) and National Center for Health Statistics (1992).

Participant, Research Work Group at "Surgeon General's National Workshop on Hispanic/ Latino Health: Implementation Strategies," Washington, DC. (1992).

Member, planning committee for the formulation of a comprehensive longitudinal research plan to study the normative growth and development of Puerto Rican and African American children sponsored by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, USDHHS (1992).

Principal Investigator, *Needs Assessment of Health and Human Services Providers* funded by the Boston Department of Health and Hospitals' Healthy Start Project (1992).

Participant, "Puerto Rican Young Men and Economic Instability: Implications for Puerto Rican Family Poverty" roundtable, National Council of La Raza, Washington, DC. (1992).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

Presentation, Marin Centeno, H., Díaz Toro, E. & **Rivera Gutiérrez, R.** Study on the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the FQHCs in Puerto Rico during 2020 and Recommendations to Strengthen their Operations, Puerto Rico Primary Care Association Convention, Río Grande (2021).

Presentation, Heredia-Morales, M., **Rivera Gutiérrez, R.**, Marín Centeno, H.A., Méndez-Lázaro, P.A., Torres-Sánchez, A. Developing and Implementing a Community-Based Primary Health Care Model with Community Health Promoters for the Otoa communities in Utuado, Puerto Rico. American Public Health Association 147nd Annual Meeting and Expo, Philadelphia (2019).

Julianne Miranda Bermúdez, J., **Rivera Gutierrez, R.**, Peña Orellana, M., Padilla Elías, N., Marín Centeno, H.A., Méndez Lazaro, P.A., Algarín Zayas, G.A., Nieves Santiago, A.A., Robles García, H.J., Matos Rivera, T.A. & Castellanos Vega, M.R. *Capacidad de respuesta en el manejo de cadáveres para diversas amenazas en Puerto Rico (P-07)*. *Expo Estadísticas 2015*, (Octubre 9), Instituto de Estadísticas de Puerto Rico, San Juan (2015).

Millán Pérez, L.I., Mercado Casillas, A.M., García Muñiz, I., Portela López, R., **Rivera Gutiérrez, R.**, Miranda Bermúdez, J.. *Retos en facilidades de salud de Puerto Rico para desarrollar un plan de descontaminación masiva (P-08)*, *Expo Estadísticas 2015* (Octubre 9), Instituto de Estadísticas de Puerto Rico, San Juan (2015).

Poster Presentation: Miranda Bermúdez, J., Marín Centeno, H.A., Hirsch, G, **Rivera Gutiérrez, R.**, Peña Orellana, M., Padilla Elías, N., Algarín Zayas, G.A. Development of an Emergency Health Planning Model for Puerto Rico. 35th Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2015).

Poster Presentation: Padilla Elías, N.; Peña Orellana, M., **Rivera Gutiérrez, R.**, González Sánchez, J.A., Miranda Bermúdez, J., Algarín Zayas, G.A. Plans for Crisis Standards of Care in Puerto Rico. 35th Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2015).

Poster Presentation: Algarín Zayas, G.A., **Rivera Gutiérrez, R.**, Peña Orellana, M.; López Rodríguez, R., Suárez, L., Martínez Cruzado, J., Villalobos, C., Conde, M., Rodríguez, J., Padilla Elías, N., Miranda Bermúdez, J. Functional Vulnerability of Five Hospitals in Puerto Rico. 35th Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2015).

Poster Presentation: López Rodríguez, R.R., Suárez, L.E., Martínez Cruzado, J., Conde, M., Rodríguez, J., Villalobos, C., Algarín Zayas, G.A., **Rivera Gutiérrez, R.**, Peña Orellana, M. Preliminary Structural Evaluation of Five Hospitals in Puerto Rico. 35th Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2015).

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Poster Presentation: Suárez, L.E., López Rodríguez, R.R., Martínez Cruzado, J., Villalobos, C., Conde, M., Rodríguez, J., Algarín Zayas, G.A., **Rivera Gutiérrez, R.**, Peña Orellana, M. Non-Structural Evaluation of Five Hospitals in Puerto Rico. 35th Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2015).

Poster Presentation: Aponte Toro, R., Bardají Frisa, C., Guites Pereira, J., Peña Orellana, M., Padilla Elías, N., **Rivera Gutiérrez, R.**, Miranda Bermúdez, J., Algarín Zayas, G.A., *Aspectos Legales de una Emergencia de Salud Pública y la Responsabilidad Médica en Puerto Rico* (Legal Aspects of a Public Health Emergency and Medical Responsibility in Puerto Rico). 35th Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2015).

Poster Presentation: Peña-Orellana, M., Vázquez, J.H., Ríos-Motta, R., Rodríguez-Sánchez, M., Marín-Centeno, H., **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.**, Calderón-Squiabro, J.M., Torres-Peña, A. Health literacy in a group of elders attending seniors' activity centers in Puerto Rico. 35th Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2015).

Poster Presentation: **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.**, Algarín-Zayas, G.A., Miranda-Bermúdez, J., Padilla-Elías, N.D., Méndez-Lázaro, P.A., Peña-Orellana, M., Nieves-Santiago, A.A., Robles-García, H.J., Matos-Rivera, T.D. *Vulnerable Populations in a Disaster: The Reality of Puerto Rico*. American Public Health Association 142nd Annual Meeting and Expo, New Orleans (2014).

Poster Presentation: Peña-Orellana, M., **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.**, Padilla-Elías, N.D., Marín-Centeno, H.A., Méndez-Lázaro, P.A., Algarín-Zayas, G.A., Miranda-Bermúdez, J., Nieves-Santiago, A.A., Robles-García, H.J., Matos-Rivera, T.D., Castellanos-Vega, M.R. *A Comprehensive Hazard Vulnerability Assessment of Puerto Rico's Public Health, Medical and Mental Health Systems*. American Public Health Association 142nd Annual Meeting and Expo, New Orleans (2014).

Oral Presentation: Torres, R., Marín-Centeno, H., Ríos, R., Ramírez, R., **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.**, Health care reform in Puerto Rico and the Obamacare Plan: Challenges and Opportunities, American Public Health Association 142nd Annual Meeting and Expo, New Orleans (2014).

Poster Presentation: Miranda-Bermúdez, J., **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.**, Peña-Orellana, M., Padilla-Elías, N.D., Castellano-Vega, M.R., Algarín-Zayas, G.A., Marín-Centeno, H.A., Méndez-Lázaro, P.A., *Una mirada al virus del dengue en Puerto Rico desde el enfoque de la educación y promoción de la salud*. Congreso Internacional de Promoción de la Salud, Habana, Cuba (2014).

Oral Presentation: **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.** Methodology of the Hazard Vulnerability Analysis of the Puerto Rico Public Health, Medical Care and Mental Health Systems: 2012-2013, Symposium on Hazards, Vulnerability and Risks of Health Systems in Puerto

Rico, Puerto Rico Department of Health, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response (2014).

Poster Presentation: Méndez-Lázaro, P.A., Nieves-Santiago, AA., **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.**, Peña-Orellana, M., Padilla-Elías, N.D., Miranda-Bermúdez, J., Colón-Bosques, E.J., Rosario-Molina, L., Guzmán, P., Rodríguez-Sanabria, S.M., Rivera de León, A. *Riesgo, vulnerabilidad y capacidad de acogida/respuesta del Estado ante un desastre natural*. 34th Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2014).

Oral Presentation: **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.**, Algarín-Zayas, G.A., Miranda-Bermúdez, J., Padilla-Elías, N.D., Méndez-Lázaro, P.A., Peña-Orellana, M., Nieves-Santiago, A.A., Robles-García, H.J., Matos-Rivera, T.D. *Las poblaciones vulnerables ante un desastre en Puerto Rico*. 34th Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2014).

Poster Presentation: Miranda-Bermúdez, J., **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.**, Orellana-Peña, M., Padilla-Elías, N.D., Marín-Centeno, H.A., Méndez-Lázaro, P.A., Algarín-Zayas, G.A., Nieves-Santiago, A.A., Robles-García, H.J., Matos-Rivera, T.D., Castellano-Vega, M.R. *Capacidad de respuesta en el manejo de cadáveres para diversas amenazas en Puerto Rico*. 34th Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2014).

Poster Presentation: Algarín-Zayas, G.A., **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.**, Peña-Orellana, M., Padilla-Elías, N.D., Marín-Centeno, H.A., Méndez-Lázaro, P.A., Miranda-Bermúdez, J., Nieves-Santiago, A.A., Robles-García, H.J., Matos-Rivera, T.D., Castellano-Vega, M.R. *Preparación y respuesta de las instalaciones de salud mental ante un desastre en Puerto Rico*. 34th Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2014).

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Moderator: Special Session on *The Diversity of the Arts for Health*, 4th Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health, UPR Graduate School of Public Health, San Juan (2013).

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Poster Presentation: Padilla-Elías, N., Peña-Orellana M., **Rivera-Gutiérrez R.**, Marín Centeno H., Miguel-Vázquez, L., Miranda-Bermúdez, J., Molina De Jesús, V. and Monserate Vázquez, P. “Community Organizations and Homelessness During a Disaster in Puerto Rico.” 33rd Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2013).

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Oral Presentation: Padilla Elías, N., Peña Orellana, M., **Rivera Gutiérrez, R.**, Marín Centeno, H.A., González Sánchez, J.A., Alonso Serra, H.M. *Diversidad de las claves de emergencias de los hospitales de Puerto Rico*. ("The Diversity of Emergency Codes Used in Puerto Rico Hospitals"), 32nd Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2012).

Poster Presentation: Molina De Jesús, V.D., Meléndez Larroy, T., **Rivera Gutiérrez, R.**, Marín Centeno, H.A., Monserrate Vázquez, P.E., Millán Pérez, L.I. *Las organizaciones voluntarias y su rol en el manejo de emergencias y desastres en Puerto Rico*. ("Voluntary Organizations and Their Role in Emergency and Disaster Management in Puerto Rico"),

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Poster Presentation: Monserrate Vázquez, P.E., Peña Orellana, M., Padilla Elías, N., **Rivera Gutiérrez, R.**, Millán Pérez, L.I., Molina De Jesús, V.D. *Vulnerabilidad de los servicios de salud mental de los hospitales de Puerto Rico ante un desastre.* (“The Vulnerability of Mental Health Services in Puerto Rico Hospitals during a Disaster”), 32nd Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2012).

Poster Presentation: Peña Orellana, M., Padilla Elías, N., **Rivera Gutiérrez, R.**, González Sánchez, J.A., Alonso Serra, H.M., Marín Centeno, H.A. “Hospital Morgues in Puerto Rico are Prepared for a Mass Fatalities Incident: Reality of Myth?,” 32nd Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2012).

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Oral Presentation: “Successful Non-Profit Organizations in Puerto Rico,” Institute on Developmental Disabilities, Center for Excellence in Education, Research and Service, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2011).

Poster Presentation: Estremera-De Jesús, L.E., Capriles-Quirós J. A., **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.**, Maldonado-Rojas, J.E., Rabionet, S.E., “*Preparación en Salud Pública: Un puente entre la formación profesional de los trabajadores de la salud y el desarrollo de*

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Poster Presentation: Molina De Jesús, V., Meléndez Larroy, T., Jordán Díaz, N., **Rivera Gutiérrez, R.**, Peña Orellana, M., Monserrate Vázquez, P., Padilla Elías, N., Rodríguez Ríos, S., Rosario Serrano, M. “*Mecanismos de comunicación como estrategias para la preparación ante emergencias en organizaciones que sirven a adultos con retardación mental en Puerto Rico* (Communication Mechanisms as Emergency Preparedness Strategies in Organizations that Serve Adults with Mental Retardation in Puerto Rico), 30th Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2010).

Poster Presentation: Rodríguez Figueroa, L., **Rivera Gutiérrez, R.**, Marín Centeno, H.A., Oliver Vázquez, M., Norat Rodríguez, J.A., Molina De Jesús, V.D. “Evaluation of Emergency and Disaster Preparedness of Head Start and Child Care in Puerto Rico 2008”, 30th Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2010).

Poster Presentation: Rodríguez-Figueroa, L., **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.**, Marín-Centeno, H.A., Oliver-Vázquez, M., Norat-Rodríguez, J.A., Molina-De Jesús, V.D. “Evaluation of Emergency and Disaster Preparedness of Head Start and Child Care Centers in Puerto Rico, 2008”. American Public Health Association 137th Annual Meeting and Exposition, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2009).

Poster Presentation: Oliver Vázquez, M., **Rivera Gutiérrez, R.**, Rodríguez Figueroa, L., Marín Centeno, H.A., Norat Rodríguez, J.A., Molina De Jesús, V.D. “Assessment of Disaster and Emergency Preparedness and Response Capability of Elderly Institutions in Puerto Rico: 2008.”XIXth IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, Paris, France (2009).

Poster Presentation: Negrón-Martínez, E. and **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.** “The Design and Assessment of a Laboratory Personnel Training for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response,” American Society for Microbiology General Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2009).

Poster Presentation: **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.** *La formación de médicos comprometidos con la equidad en salud en Puerto Rico* (The Formation of Physicians Committed to Equity in Health in Puerto Rico), at conference entitled “Medical Education in the 21st Century: Towards Equality in Health,” Havana, Cuba (2008).

Poster Presentation: Jordán-Díaz, N., Seilhamer, E., Mayo-Santana, R., **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.**, Rivera-Colón, I. “Anxiety and Depression among Medical Students”, AAMC 2008 Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas (2008).

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Poster Presentation: **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.** and Marín-Centeno, H. “The Cuban Emergency and Disaster Preparedness and Response System: Lessons for Puerto Rico” XXVIII Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2008).

Oral Presentation: “The Characteristics of Successful Non-Profit Organizations,” presented to *Grupo Orientador para Orientar a Personas con Impedimentos* (GOOPI), Institute on Developmental Disabilities, Center for Excellence in Education, Research and Service, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2007).

Oral Presentation: “The Puerto Rico Health Care System: Where are We Heading?” School of Communications. University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, San Juan (2007).

Panel member: “The Future of Puerto Rico’s Health Care System: Sicko or Universal Health?” sponsored by the UPR School of Public Administration. University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, San Juan (2007).

Organizer and moderator: “Disaster Preparedness and Response: The Comprehensive Management of an Emergency,” 3rd Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health, UPR Graduate School of Public Health, San Juan (2007).

Poster Presentation: **Rivera Gutiérrez, R.** and Estremera de Jesús, L. E. “UPR Center for Public Health Preparedness: Linkages between Academia and Service for Health Professionals”. XXVII Annual Research and Education Forum, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2007).

Oral Presentation: “Who We Are: Puerto Ricans, Cultural Values and Health Care,” for Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network physicians and other health professionals, sponsored by the UPR Río Piedras Campus, Division of Continuing Education and Professional Studies, San Juan (2007).

Panel member: “Applied Interdisciplinary Research Challenges and Community Empowerment for Health,” University of Puerto Rico Cayey Campus, sponsored by the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research, Cayey, Puerto Rico (2006).

Poster Presentation: Albizu García, C. and **Rivera Gutiérrez, R.**, *Retos que enfrenta la salud pública en Puerto Rico ante el manejo del fenómeno de las drogas ilegales* (Public Health Challenges Faced by Puerto Rico in the Handling of the Illegal Drug Phenomenon). First Regional Meeting of Public Health Educational Institutions Regarding

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Organizer and Moderator: “The Past, Present and Future of the Puerto Rico Health Services Delivery System,” Graduate School of Public Health, UPR Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (2005).

Poster Presentation: **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.**, Crespo-Rivera, W., Bonet, N., Jiménez-Vázquez, I. Z., and Méndez, W. “Teaching Managed Care to Medical Students: A Collaborative Initiative between the University of Puerto Rico Schools of Medicine and Public Health,” SGEA/SGSA Annual Meeting, Winston Salem, North Carolina (2005).

Poster Presentation: Alperin, M, Miner, K., Rabionet, S., **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.**, Capriles, J.A., Norat, J., Ramírez, D., and Rodríguez, L. “Building the Capacity of Faculty to Respond to Public Health Emergencies in Puerto Rico,” American Public Health Association 133th Annual Meeting and Expo, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2005).

Poster Presentation: Torres-Zeno, R. E., **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.**, Conde, J., Ríos-Motta, R.E., Capriles-Quirós, J.A., Rodríguez, M.H., Albizu-García, C., Marín-Centeno, H.A., Pattatucci-Aragón, A., Ramírez-García, R., and Sánchez-Rodríguez, Y. “Academic Research Infrastructure Support Initiative to Advance Health Services Research in Puerto Rico,” American Public Health Association 132nd Annual Meeting and Expo, Washington, DC (2004).

Organizer and moderator: Plenary Session on “Health Platforms of the Puerto Rico Political Parties,” 2nd Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health, UPR Graduate School of Public Health, San Juan (2004).

Co-organizer and co-moderator: Special Session on “Humor, Art and Health,” 2nd Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health, UPR Graduate School of Public Health, San Juan (2004).

Organizer and moderator: “Conference on the Quality of Health Care Services Delivered to Medicare Beneficiaries in Puerto Rico,” Department of Health Services Administration, Graduate School of Public Health, San Juan (2003).

Oral Presentation: “Collaboration between Public Health and Medicine: The Recent Experience at the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus,” 1st Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health, UPR Graduate School of Public Health, San Juan (2002).

Oral Presentation: “Ethics in Health Services Administration,” 1st Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health, UPR Graduate School of Public Health, San Juan (2002).

Poster Presentation: **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.** and Nazario, G. “The Cantera Peninsula and the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus: A Community-Academic

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Poster Presentation: **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.** and Nazario, G. “Cantera Peninsula and the Graduate School of Public Health: A Community-Academic Partnership in Puerto Rico,” 4th Annual Community-Campus Partnerships for Health National Conference, Washington, DC. (2000).

Oral Presentation: “Fundraising Strategies,” Gerontology Society of Puerto Rico, San Juan (2000).

Workshop: “Fundraising Strategies for Community-based Organizations,” Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Training Institute, Caguas, Puerto Rico (2000).

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Poster Presentation: Upshur, C., Cortes, D., Chan, C., Turner, C., **Rivera, R.**, Besozzi, E., Mas, E. “Policy Development for Cultural Competence in Health Care Delivery: The Role of State Managed Care Programs,” American Public Health Association 126th Annual Meeting and Expo, Washington, D.C. (1998).

Oral Presentation: Román, M., Nazario, G, and **Rivera-Gutiérrez, R.** “The Cantera Peninsula Health Promotion Initiative: A Model of Community Empowerment,” XVI World Conference on Health Promotion and Health Education, San Juan (1998).

Workshop: “Community-Oriented Primary Care Model,” Hispanic Center of Excellence, School of Medicine and Graduate School of Public Health, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan (1998).

Oral Presentation: “The Community-Oriented Primary Care Model: Its Relevance for Health Care Reform in Puerto Rico,” *Cuarto Foro de Educación en Ciencias de la Salud*, Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan (1998).

Oral Presentation: “The Cantera Peninsula Project and the UPR Graduate School of Public Health: A Community-Academic Partnership in Development,” Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, San Juan (1998).

Oral Presentation: “Community Pediatrics,” Pediatrics Primary Care Training Program, Department of Pediatrics, University of Puerto Rico, School of Medicine, San Juan (1997).

Panel member: “An Interdisciplinary Primary Health Care Model,” 9^{no} *Encuentro Nacional de Educación y Pensamiento*, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan (1997).

Oral Presentation: “Patients’ Active Participation in Health Care Decision-Making: The Challenges of Managed Care,” First Hispanic Conference of Allied Health Professions,

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College of Allied Health Professions, University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan (1996).

Respondent: In conference entitled "Maternal and Child Health under Puerto Rico's New Health Formula," Maternal and Child Health Program, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan (1996).

Coordinator and moderator: "Latino Health Policy Symposium," Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy, University of Massachusetts, Boston (1995).

Keynote speech: "Ethnic Marketing to the Latino Community of Massachusetts: Opportunities and Challenges," Hispanic Yellow Pages of Massachusetts, Lawrence, Massachusetts (1995).

Oral Presentation: "The Limitations of National Health Data Systems for Latinos and the Hispanic Health Research Consortium Model for Latino Research," American Public Health Association 121st Annual Meeting and Expo, San Francisco, California (1993).

Oral Presentation: "Role Burdens: The Impact of Employment and Family on the Health of Latina Women in the United States," American Public Health Association 121st Annual Meeting and Expo, San Francisco, California (1993).

Presentation: "The Impact of Employment and Family Responsibilities on the Health Status of Employed Latina Women," American Psychological Association Annual Conference, Toronto (1993).

Panel member: "The Education of Latino Students in Massachusetts: Research and Policy Issues," Massachusetts Association for Bilingual Education annual conference, Amherst (1993).

Oral Presentation: "Latino Cultural Values: Implications for the Delivery of Medical Care," Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston (1992).

Oral Presentation: "Availability, Accessibility and Acceptability of Medical Services to the Latino Population," Harvard Medical School, Boston (1992).

Panel member: "The Transition of Youth to Work" at conference "From Poverty to Economic Development: Community and Policy Strategies for Latinos in Massachusetts," Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy, University of Massachusetts, Boston (1991).

Moderator: Panel discussion on "Working Together for the Success of Latino Children," Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy, University of Massachusetts, Boston (1991).

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Respondent: "Latinos, Poverty and Public Policy" Research Seminar, Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy, University of Massachusetts, Boston (1991).

Presentation: "Access to Medical Care for Latinos in Massachusetts," National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, Boston (1991).

Presentation: "Latinos in Greater Boston: A Demographic Overview and Critical Issues," United Way of Mass Bay Allocations Coordinating Committee, Boston (1991).

Presentation: "Racial Dynamics in the Universal Nation," Madison Park High School, Boston Public Schools' Office of Equity (1991).

Presentation: "Latinos in Greater Boston: A Demographic Overview and Critical Issues," Polaroid Foundation, Boston (1991).

Moderator: Panel discussion on "Social Barriers to Well Being" at symposium on "Latino Males at Risk: Addressing the Future," Spanish American Union and the Gándara Mental Health Center, Springfield (1990).

Presentation: "Latino Parental Involvement in the Boston Public Schools," William Monroe Trotter Institute, University of Massachusetts, Boston (1989).

Moderator: Panel discussion on "Strengthening Social Policies: Creating the Information Base for Change- Research and Community Needs- Imagining Better Models" at "Educating for Change" conference, Graduate Program in Human Services, University of Massachusetts, Boston (1989).

Participant: Roundtable discussion with staff and reporters of the Boston Globe on issues of concern to the Latino community, Boston (1989).

Workshop: "The Importance of Latino Parental Involvement in the Boston Public Schools," Hispanic Office of Planning and Evaluation, Boston (1988).

Workshop: "Latinos in the U.S. and Massachusetts," Latino Leaders of the Future Program, United Way of Central Massachusetts, Worcester (1988).

Seminar: "Research Methods and Statistics," *Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana*, Medellín, Colombia, Partners of the Americas (1987).

Keynote address: "Future Leaders of the Latino Community: Your Obligations and Responsibilities," Hispanic Talented and Gifted Program graduation, Institute for Learning and Teaching, University of Massachusetts, Boston (1986).

Keynote address: "Assisting Latino Students to Complete High School and Enter College," Northern Essex Community College (1986).

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Puerto Rico Primary Care Association, 2020-2021.

University of Minnesota School of Public Health and CDC, 2018-2021

Medical Education Cooperation with Cuba (MEDICC) (2012-2014).

Puerto Rico Department of Health, Office for Public Health Preparedness and Response and CDC (2006-2016).

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Puerto Rico Office of the Ombudsperson for the Elderly (2007-2008).

Puerto Rico Department of Health (2006).

Emory University Center for Public Health Preparedness and CDC (2005-2008).

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Boston (1994-1996).

Inter-University Program for Latino Research, *Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños*, Hunter College, City University of New York (1994).

Brigham and Women's Hospital, Education and Training Department, Boston (1993).

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Washington, DC. (1993-1997).

Casey United, Inc., Boston (1993).

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Hispanic Health Research Consortium Fellowship, National Council of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organizations (COSSMHO) and National Center for Health Statistics, Washington, DC (1992).

Professional Development Grant for Junior Faculty, University of Massachusetts, Boston (1992).

Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan (1992).

Boston Department of Health and Hospitals' Healthy Start Project (1992).

Joseph P. Healey Grant, University of Massachusetts, Boston (1988).

AWARDS, HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Estancias de Húcares Community Association, award given in recognition of support provided to the community in response to and recuperation after the impact of Hurricane Maria in September of 2017 (2019).

Honorary Member of the *Cátedra de Salud Internacional “Dr. Roberto Pereda Chávez”*, granted by the Cuba National School of Public Health, Council of Directors, Cuba Ministry of Public Health (2015).

Asociación Puertorriqueña de Profesores Universitarios (APPU), award given in recognition of contributions made in defense of faculty rights as member of the APPU MSC Chapter (2014).

Premio Institucional Dr. TOLOSA-LATOIR 2006, *Asociación Iberoamericana de Medicina y Salud Escolar y Universitaria*, given in recognition of contributions to the formation of School Health professionals (2006).

Travel Fellowship, granted by Medical Education Cooperation with Cuba (MEDICC) to conduct research on emergency and disaster preparedness and response in Cuba (2007).

School of Dentistry, Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico, award given in recognition of contributions to the development of the Oral Health Clinic in the Cantera Peninsula Community (2004).

Cantera Peninsula Community Development Project, Health Promotion and Family Alternatives Initiative, award given in recognition of work as partner of the Cantera Peninsula's community health promotion initiative (2000).

Ralph Rivera-Gutiérrez, PhD, MSW/ 33 of 38

Dr. Ramón Emeterio Betances Award, Students' General Council, University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus; first faculty member in the history of the UPR Medical Sciences Campus to receive the award (1999).

Outstanding Young Man of America, Outstanding Americans, Montgomery, Alabama (1988).

Council on Social Work Education Doctoral Fellowship, Washington, DC. (1983-1985).

Puerto Rican Leadership Fellowship, Boston University School of Social Work (1979-1981).

Graduated Magna Cum Laude, University of Puerto Rico (1977).

PARTICIPATION IN UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus

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GSPH Accreditation Self-study Committee; Committee #6 MPH Programs

November 2014 to 2017

UPR-MSC Administrative Council

UPR-MSC Executive Committee

UPR-MSC Academic Senate

UPR-MSC Public Policy Committee

GSPH Administration and Teaching Committee (chairperson)

GSPH Executive Committee (chairperson)

GSPH Dean's Committee (chairperson)

GSPH 5th Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health: General Coordination Committee; Scientific Committee; V Arts and Health Festival Committee; Finances and Donations Committee (chairperson); International Linkage Committee

August 2013 to July 2014

School of Medicine: Medicine III/IV Committee; Graduation and Awards Committee

August 2012 to July 2013

School of Medicine: Medicine III/IV Committee; Graduation and Awards Committee

GSPH 4th Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health: Scientific Committee; Coordinating Committee, IV Arts and Health Festival Committee

GSPH Service Committee

August 2006 to July 2012

School of Medicine: Medicine III/IV Committee; Graduation and Awards Committee

August 2006 to July 2007

GSPH 3rd Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health: Scientific Committee; Coordinating Committee; III Arts and Health Festival Committee

May 2005 to July 2006

UPR-MSC Administrative Council
UPR-MSC Executive Committee
UPR-MSC Academic Senate
GSPH Administration and Teaching Committee (chairperson)
GSPH Executive Committee (chairperson)

August 2004 to July 2005

DHSA Doctoral Program Committee (chairperson)
GSPH Executive Committee
GSPH Administration and Education Committee
GSPH Personnel Committee
School of Medicine: Medicine III/IV Committee

August 2003 to July 2004

GSPH Executive Committee
GSPH Administration and Teaching Committee
GSPH Personnel Committee
School of Medicine: Medicine III/IV Committee

August 2002 to July 2003

GSPH Executive Committee
GSPH Administration and Teaching Committee
GSPH Personnel Committee
GSPH 2nd Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health: Scientific Committee;
Coordinating Committee; II Arts and Health Festival Committee
School of Medicine: Medicine III/IV Committee

August 2001 to July 2002

DHSA Personnel Committee (chairperson until 1/2002)
DHSA ACESHA Accreditation Self-study Committee (Research, Service, and Institutional Support)
GSPH Executive Committee
GSPH Administration and Teaching Committee
GSPH Personnel Committee
School of Medicine: Medicine III/IV Committee

August 2000 to July 2001

DHSA Personnel Committee (chairperson)
DHSA ACESHA Accreditation Self-study Committee (Research, Service, and Institutional Support)
GSPH Faculty Affairs Committee
GSPH Administration and Teaching Committee

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GSPH Personnel Committee
GSPH Administration and Education/ Strategic Planning Committee
GSPH CEPH Accreditation Self-study Criterion IV (Resources) Sub-Committee
School of Medicine: Medicine I Committee; Medicine II Committee; Medicine III/IV
Committee; Medicine & Society Course Committee; First Year Curriculum Review Com.

August 1999 to July 2000

DHSA Personnel Committee (chairperson)
DHSA ACESHA Accreditation Self-study Committee (Research, Service, and
Institutional Support)
GSPH Faculty Affairs Committee
GSPH Administration and Education Committee
GSPH Personnel Committee
GSPH Administration and Education/ Strategic Planning Committee
GSPH CEPH Accreditation Self-study Criterion IV (Resources) Sub-Committee
School of Medicine: Medicine I Committee, Medicine II Committee, Medicine III/IV
Committee
UPR-MSC Interdisciplinary Health Committee (co-chairperson)

August 1998 to July 1999

DHSA Personnel Committee
GSPH Faculty Affairs Committee
GSPH Administration and Education Committee
School of Medicine: Medicine I Committee, Medicine II Committee, Medicine III/IV
Committee
UPR-MSC Interdisciplinary Health Committee

University of Massachusetts, Boston

September 1994 to August 1995

Joseph P. Healey Endowment Grant Committee
Screening Committee: Dean of Graduate Studies
Latino Health and Mental Health Research Group, Chairperson
University Faculty Council member (CPCS Representative)
Search Committee: McCormack Institute's Center for Social Policy Director
Search Committee: CPCS Administrative Staff
Agencias Latinas Unidas: Gastón Institute Representative
University of Massachusetts Research Institutes Committee
Organizational Assistance Program Committee

September 1993 to August 1994

Latino Health and Mental Health Research Group, Chairperson
Agencias Latinas Unidas: Gastón Institute Representative
Human Services Department Personnel Committee
University of Massachusetts Research Institutes Committee
Organizational Assistance Program Committee

September 1992 to August 1993

CPCS Personnel Committee
University of Massachusetts Research Institutes Committee

September 1991 to August 1992

Search Committee: Director of Gastón Institute
Diversity Requirement Advisory Group
Human Services Department Personnel Committee
University-Community Collaborations Committee: Chelsea Initiative

September 1990 to August 1991

Search Committee: Director of Affirmative Action
Search Committee: Law Department Faculty

September 1989 to August 1990

Provost's Committee on Access
Gerontology Curriculum Committee: "The Legislative Process and the Elderly" Course Review

September 1988 to August 1989

Search Committee: Gerontology Department Faculty
Search Committee: FIPSE Director

September 1987 to August 1988

Human Services Department Personnel Committee
University Retention Task Force
Human Services Graduate Program Advisory Committee
CPCS Self-Study: Community Service Committee

September 1986 to August 1987

Human Services Department Personnel Committee
Human Services Graduate Program Advisory Committee
CPCS Self-Study: Community Service Committee

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Co-Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Health Brigades to provide humanitarian relief, medical and public health services to families in remote rural communities throughout Puerto Rico severely impacted by Hurricanes Irma and María of September 2017 and earthquakes of January 2020 through the delivery of medical and dental care, analysis of environmental impact and water needs, as well as distribution of basic supplies, food, clothing, water filters, and hygiene products (2017 - present).

Member, Board of Directors, Taller Salud, Inc., Loiza (2013-2014).

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Advisor for evaluation of *Acuerdo de Paz* project, Taller Salud, Inc., Loiza (2012-2013).

Member, Cantera Peninsula Oral Health Initiative Advisory Committee, UPR School of Dentistry (2006-2010).

Secretary, Board of Directors, *Apoyo Empresarial para la Península de Cantera*, Inc. (2006-2010).

Presentation on "*Public Health Professions*" to Outward Bound Program high school students at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus (2005).

Advisor, to the Manuel A. Pérez Public Housing Project's Community Center for Business and Employment Development in the development of a proposal for an "Active Living Design" program (2003).

Coordinator, Health Fair, Health Promotion and Family Alternatives Initiative, Cantera Peninsula Development Project (2000).

Member, Development Committee, Cantera Peninsula Development Project (1999-2004).

Member, Health Promotion Committee, Health Promotion and Family Alternatives Initiative, Cantera Peninsula Development Project (1997-2005).

Member, Health Planning Committee, Cantera Peninsula Development Project (1995-1996).

Member, Massachusetts Adolescent Violence Prevention Project Advisory Board, Massachusetts Department of Public Health (1991-1993).

Member, *Comisión Femenil Mexicana Nacional's* Task Force on Puerto Rican Issues, Latino Children's Issues Project, New York (1991-1992).

Member, Hispanic Office of Planning and Evaluation School-Based Management Council (1990-1992).

Co-Founder/member, Latino Public Health Council, Massachusetts Department of Public Health (1989-1991).

Member, Hispanic Office of Planning and Evaluation, Inc., Board of Directors (1987-1989).

Member, National Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Northeast Review Committee, Hartford (1987-1989).

Chairperson, Parent and Community Support Task Force, Boston Public Schools (1986).

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Member, Massachusetts Health Council, Cultural and Linguistic Minorities Task Force (1985-1986).

Member, Family Health Services Advisory Council, Massachusetts Department of Public Health (1985-1986).

Vice-President, *Escuelita Agüeybana* Day Care Center, Board of Directors (1983-1987).

Member, *Alianza Hispana*, Inc., Board of Directors (1981-1983).

Member, Puerto Rican Leadership Development Project Advisory Committee, Boston University School of Social Work (1979-1984).

Basketball Coach, coached boys' basketball team composed of residents of the Cathedral Housing Project in Boston's South End, sponsored by the Cardinal Cushing Center for the Spanish Speaking (1978-1979).

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Public Health Association

Puerto Rico Public Health Association (*Asociación de Salud Pública de Puerto Rico*)

Puerto Rican Association of University Professors (*Asociación Puertorriqueña de Profesores Universitarios*, APPU)

Treasurer, APPU Medical Sciences Campus Chapter (2009-2011)