# Alejandro H. Silva Díaz

#### EDUCATION \_

Master of Social Entrepreneurship, Certificate in Managerial Coaching

Hult International Business School, London, UK.

Diploma, Aug 2013; Certificate July, 2017

B.A. Independent Major (Cognitive Media Technologies) Specializations: Cognitive Science, Information Science

Cornell University, College of Arts and Sciences, Ithaca, NY

Diploma, January, 2011

Entrepreneurship Development Certification

University of Puerto Rico, Business School, Río Piedras, PR

Certificate, May 2012

Global Social Impact House Fellow

January, 2019

University of Pennsylvania, Center for Social Impact Strategy, Punta Gorda, Belize

EXPERIENCE\_

## Integro Foundation, San Juan, PR

#### **Operations Director**

Sep 2021-Present

• In charge of daily operations while redesigning the strategic focus of the organization.

# Mentes Puertorriqueñas en Acción (Puerto Rican Minds in Action), San Juan, PR

Executive Director

Jan 2016-Dec 2021

- In charge of managing day to day operations, assigning and supervising team roles, building corporate and
  donor relationships, overseeing strategic plan implementation and ensuring organization's financial and
  social sustainability.
- Lead and manage the programmatic transition in using civic engagement as a disaster response strategy after Hurricane María to recruit 543 citizens to engage in response projects over the course of one year.
- Design and implement hybrid social enterprise model to attain organization's fiscal sustainability.
- In charge of materializing partnerships, agreements and collaborations with the third-sector and the press, recruitment and recurrence of internship providers, and designing collaborations with academia.
- In charge of public and government relations, including writing for the press, appearance in interviews, speaking in forums and meetings with public officials.

#### Board Member, President

Sep 2010-Nov2015

- Led the execution of a strategic plan to achieve sustainability through 3 programs and 2 initiatives, as well as operations and fundraising
- Coordination of monthly board meetings with members spread around 3 countries.
- Implemented fundraising strategy to pay off operational debt. Also in charge of managing team of 15 volunteers in the execution of the Programs.

## Internship & Civic Engagement Program Director

Aug 2011-Aug 2012

- Led team on the design and implementation of PARACa 2012, including overseeing coordination of 10 modules, internship placement for 25 students and completion of student projects.
- Led recruitment process to receive 112 applications for 30 spots, including social, economic, and geographic diversity in applicants' profiles.
- Standardized application evaluation scoring system, and integrated interviewing process. Accomplished record-high media recognition in 3 written press articles, 3 radio programs, and 2 television appearances.
- Managed team in negotiation of 3 free venues for Program, restructuration of curriculum to include more relevant material, integration of participants into event coordination.

#### Vitrina Solidaria, San Juan, PR

Project Manager

Jan 2015-May 2020

 Provided direction, technical support, business strategy and coordinate business development curriculum for 51 micro-enterprises and new community-led ventures in the El Yunque Forest region.

- Co-designed and coordinated approval process for historic agreement with the National Forest Service to provide business technical support to small businesses in the 9 municipalities bordering the El Yunque National Forest.
- Designed and instructed workshops on leadership and business startups including: the Business Model Canvas, Lean Startup Methodology, Leadership theory, Problem Solving & Conflict Mediation.

## Net Hope, San Juan, PR

#### Citizen Reporter for Information as Aid Program.

Feb 2018-Jun 2018

- In charge of reporting information from and to the local NGO sector that helps in the recuperation stages after Hurricane María.
- Summarize and digest content in understandable format for citizens, producing 49 social media posts and 5 videos for Information as aid's social media site.

# Grupo Guayacán, San Juan, PR

Program Associate

Oct 2013-Dec 2014

- Managed the one-year support program for winners of the EnterPRize Business Building Competition, aiding 11 companies in the advancement of their startups.
- Coordinated 12 workshops for the EnterPRize Support Service.
- Supported the execution of EnterPRize advancing the implementation of over 50 startups.
- Coordinated the 2014 EnterPRize Awards Ceremony.

## Estudios Técnicos Inc., San Juan, PR

#### Consulting Research Assistant

Mar 2011-Aug 2011

- Conducted demographic data research, analyzed statistical data, constructed tables and databases, wrote, translated, and edited feasibility studies and business plans, analyzed macro-economic data.
- In charge of consultancy project for a convention center for the Salinas municipality.

#### Roots of Hope- Cornell Cuba Conference, Ithaca, NY, USA

Panel Coordinator Dec 2009-Apr 2010

- Identified and coordinated participation and travel arrangements of 12 speakers for 4 panels and 6 concurrent workshops at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual conference.
- Moderated Information Technology panel.

# HONORS, RECOGNITIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- 2014: Member of Governor's Multisectoral Committee "Puerto Rico se Transforma: Mesa de Acción para la Competitividad y el Crecimiento", Office of the Governor's Secretary
- 2015-2017; 2020-2022: Hult Alumni Committee, Hult International Business School
- January, 2019: Global Social Impact House Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania's Center for Social Impact Strategy
- 2019-2020: Líderes Fellowship, Hispanics in Philanthropy

#### CAPABILITIES & SKILLS

- Languages: Fluent in Spanish and English; Advanced in Portuguese.
- Skills: Business model design, lean project management, public speaking, event planning, web design; PROACT problem solving methodology.
- Computer skills: Quickbooks Online Advanced, Wave Accounting, Adobe Photoshop, Microsoft Office, Google Drive, Wix, Canva, Basic HTML, CSS, PHP, Basic VBA.