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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### EDUCATION

- 09/2003-06/2016                      The Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY)  
Ph.D., Political Science  
  
Dissertation: *Struggling to learn, learning to struggle: structure and strategy in the 2010-11 University of Puerto Rico student strike*
- 04/2014                                      The Graduate Center, CUNY  
M.Phil., Political Science
- 08/2001-06/2009                      School of Law, University of Puerto Rico (UPR)  
J.D. (*Cum Laude*)
- 09/1997-05/2001                      Columbia College, Columbia University  
B.A., Anthropology

### EMPLOYMENT

- 01/2021-present                      The Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership  
The City College of New York, CUNY  
Adjunct Assistant Professor  
  
Courses taught:  
LALS/SOC 31174. Special Course: Ethnography of Latinx Youth and Justice (online)
- 08/2017-present                      Department of Anthropology  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY  
Adjunct Assistant Professor (08/2017-12/2018, 01/2021-present)  
Assistant Professor - full-time, substitute (01/2019-12/2020)  
  
Courses taught:  
ANT 330. American Cultural Pluralism and the Law (in person and online)  
ANT 208. Urban Anthropology (online)  
ANT 101. Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (in person and online)  
ANT 100. Ethnography of Youth and Justice in New York City (in person and online)
- 08/2018-12/2018                      The Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership  
The City College of New York, CUNY  
Adjunct Assistant Professor  
  
Courses taught:  
LALS 10200/INTL 31121. Latin American and Caribbean Civilizations

01/2017-05/2017  
 Department of Political Science  
 UPR, Río Piedras  
 Assistant Professor - full-time, contingent

Courses taught:  
 CIPO 3011. Principles and Problems of Political Science  
 CIPO 4306. Theory of Sociopolitical Research  
 CIPO 4605. Special Topics Seminar: Reform or Revolution?  
 CIPO 4655. Political Sociology of Latin America

08/2016-12/2016  
 The Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership  
 The City College of New York, CUNY  
 Adjunct Assistant Professor

Courses taught:  
 INTL 31107. Research Methods in International Studies  
 INTL 20100. International Studies: A Global Perspective

08/2016-12/2016  
 Department of Political Science  
 Lehman College, CUNY  
 Adjunct Assistant Professor

Courses taught:  
 POL 166. The American Political System

08/2015-05/2016  
 Department of Political Science  
 Department of Puerto Rican and Latino Studies  
 Brooklyn College, CUNY  
 Adjunct Lecturer

Courses taught:  
 POLS 3413. Community Power Analysis  
 PRLS 3210. Latin America  
 PRLS 1001. Introduction to Puerto Rican and Latino Studies

01/2012-12/2012  
 Department of Political Science  
 Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, Pace University  
 Adjunct Lecturer

Courses taught:  
 POL 101. Politics: A Comparative Introduction  
 POL 114. Introduction to International Relations  
 POL 214. Reform or Revolution?  
 POL 297 The Arab Spring

11/2009-05/2010  
 Secondary School  
 College of Education, UPR, Río Piedras  
 Professor

Courses taught:  
 7th grade: History and Geography of Puerto Rico  
 8th grade: World Geography  
 8th grade: Ethics and Civics

08/2007-05/2008	Project on Clinical Legal Education and Community Development School of Law, UPR Research Assistant
09/2006-12/2006	The Howard Samuels Center The Graduate Center, CUNY Research Assistant
07/2005-09/2006	The Ralph Bunche Institute The Graduate Center, CUNY Program on States and Security Research Fellow
01/2004-05/2005	Department of Political Science Lehman College, CUNY Teaching Fellow
	Courses taught: POL 266. Politics and Culture POL 150. Contemporary Political Issues

## PUBLICATIONS

in progress	Outrageous chatter: emotive discourse and the 2019 Puerto Rican Uprising
in progress	Thinking through storm: theorizing Puerto Rico in times of ‘crisis’. Co-auths. Georges Félix, Line Algoed, and Antonio Carmona Báez.
in progress	Revisiting <i>The People of Puerto Rico</i> : ethnography as cultural-historical activity.
2021	‘Como una planta, pero sin semillas’: the political and moral economies of corruption in Puerto Rico. <i>CENTRO Journal</i> , Special Issue [anticipated publication date; abstract accepted 06/16/2020].
2021	Contributing Editor. Government & Politics: Hispanic Caribbean. <i>Handbook of Latin American Studies</i> , 75. Library of Congress [anticipated publication date].
2021	In Puerto Rico, the 2019 Uprising Produces an Electoral Opening to the Left. <i>New Politics</i> , 70: 74-80.
2019	‘A more colorful picture of my own vision’: expansive learning in Puerto Rico’s student anti-austerity movement. <i>Social Movement Studies</i> , 19(3): 325-341.
2018	Concrete and Countryside: The Urban and the Rural in 1950s Puerto Rican Culture. By Carmelo Esterrich (Review). <i>Journal of Social History</i> , 53(2): 575-577.
2018	Riding the perennial gale: working-class Puerto Ricans and the involution of colonial capitalism. <i>Dialectical Anthropology</i> 42(2): 117-129.

- 2016 Enforcement of Puerto Rico's colonial debt pushes out young workers: 'compromise' protects vulture funds, not Puerto Rico. *Dollars & Sense: Real World Economics*, July/August.
- 2011 From Hanoi to the Magic Kingdom and back again: UPR strike, day 27. In *Springtime: The New Student Rebellions*, eds. Clare Solomon and Tania Palmieri, 175-179. London: Verso.
- 2009 El perreo en la era de la reproducción digital: poder, género y tecnología en la modernidad tardía. Co-auth. Nahomi Galindo Malavé, trans. Miguel Gómez Acosta. *Apuesta: Revista Alternativa de Política y Cultura*, 4.
- 2008 Venezuelan democracy: failure, weakness, or hegemonic struggle? Working Paper. New York: Program on States and Security.
- 2008 The failing of Haiti: intervention, restructuring, and the dismantling of popular democracy. Working Paper. New York: Program on States and Security.

#### SCHOLARLY EVENTS

- 04/2020 Comparative Politics Workshop  
The Graduate Center, CUNY  
Outrageous Chatter: Emotive Discourse and the 2019 Puerto Rican Uprising
- 10/2018 Puerto Rican Studies Association, 13th Biennial Conference  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick  
Panel, *Thinking through the storm: theorizing Puerto Rico in times of 'crisis'*  
Organizer/Moderator
- 05/2018 Latin American Studies Association, XXXVI Congress, Barcelona  
Panel, *La isla que desaparece: Pensar a Puerto Rico y su lugar en los estudios latinoamericanos en tiempos de crisis*  
Revisiting *The People of Puerto Rico: Towards a Critical-Historical Research Agenda*
- 06/2017 Left Forum 2017  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY  
Panel, *In the belly of the beast* (organized by Dollars and Sense)  
Puerto Rico: The burst appendix
- 10/2016 Puerto Rican Studies Association, 12th Biennial Conference  
University of Maryland University College  
Panel, *Puerto Rican Student Movements: Lessons from the Front Lines*  
Leadership competition and expansive learning in the University of Puerto Rico Strike of 2010-2011
- 10/2016 Politics and Protest Workshop  
The Graduate Center, CUNY  
'Not a motor, but a lever': leadership competition and expansive learning in an anti-austerity student movement"

11/2015 Politics and Protest Workshop  
The Graduate Center, CUNY  
The neoliberal social movement from above at the University of Puerto Rico

2014-2015 The Center for Place, Culture and Politics  
The Graduate Center, CUNY  
Yearly Seminar, *After debt: new forms of dependency, obligation, risk, and credit*

04/2013 Society for Latin American Studies, Annual Conference  
University of Manchester  
Panel, *Student movements and political change in contemporary Latin America*  
Neoliberal colonialism and the reinvention of Puerto Rico's university student movement, 1981-2011 [abstract accepted 12/05/2012; paper not presented due to lack of travel funds]

11/2012 The Graduate Center, CUNY  
Panel, *Works in progress: studies in the political economy of late-colonial Puerto Rico* (sponsored by the Association of Latino and Latin American Students)  
Struggling to learn, learning to struggle: Puerto Rico's anti-neoliberal education movement

05/2012 Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College, CUNY  
Workshop, *Critical historiography of Puerto Rican resistance, 1969-1989*  
Anti-colonial political resistance

03/2012 Left Forum 2012  
Pace University, New York  
Panel, *What's happening in Puerto Rico?*

11/2011 Journal of Historical Materialism, Eighth Annual Conference  
School of Oriental and Asian Studies, University of London  
Panel, *Against austerity*  
To learn and to struggle in the neoliberal colony: school and university strikes in Puerto Rico"

04/2011 State University of Milan  
Panel, *Puerto Rico: the island of enchantment resists* (sponsored by the Political Science Association)  
Political and economic context

02/2008 School of Law, UPR  
Student Conference Series (sponsored by the Civil Rights Workshop)  
Panel, *Law 45 and public employees' right to strike*  
Co-coordinator

11/2007 School of Law, UPR  
Student Conference Series (sponsored by the Civil Rights Workshop)  
Panel, *Poor communities and the proposal to constitutionalize municipal autonomy*  
Introductory Remarks

11/2006 The Howard Samuels Center, CUNY  
Community organization and participation in Venezuela” (co-sponsored by the  
Association of Latino and Latin American Students)

#### ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

11/2009-present Freelance Consultant  
Legal Research, Copywriting, Editing, Translation

01/2019 Preparation for Teaching Online Workshop  
School of Professional Studies  
City University of New York

09/2018-05/2019 Collaborative Learning Techniques Seminar  
Teaching and Learning Center  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
City University of New York

08/2014-08/2015 The Center for Place, Culture, and Politics  
The Graduate Center, CUNY  
Student Fellow

11/2013-07/2014 Santos & Suárez Law Office, San Juan  
Paralegal Assistant

01/2007-12/2009 *Apuesta, Revista Alternativa de Política y Cultura*  
Member, Editorial Board

08/2008-06/2009 Section on Community Economic Development, Legal Aid Clinic  
School of Law, UPR  
Client: ENLACE Corporation, Caño Martín Peña Community Housing  
Trust

01/2005-11/2006 First Puerto Rico Social Forum [held 11/2006]  
Organizer

10/2006 Fieldwork  
Parroquia 23 de Enero, Caracas  
Project: “Contemporary Social Movements and Participation in  
Venezuela”

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

09/2014-09/2015 The Center for Place, Culture, and Politics  
The Graduate Center, CUNY  
Student Fellowship

09/2014-09/2015 The Graduate Center, CUNY  
Dissertation Year Fellowship

09/2014-05/2015 The Graduate Center, CUNY  
Doctoral Student Research Grant

08/2012-05/2013	Office of Educational Opportunity and Diversity The Graduate Center, CUNY Dean K. Harrison Award
08/2007-05/2008	Department of Graduate Studies and Research UPR, Río Piedras Program for Academic and Educational Experiences Research Assistantship
01/2006-12/2006	The Graduate Center, CUNY Doctoral Student Research Grant
07/2005-09/2006	The Ralph Bunche Institute The Graduate Center, CUNY Research Fellowship
09/2004-05/2005	Department of Political Science The Graduate Center, CUNY Graduate Teaching Fellowship

#### MEMBERSHIP

2016-present	Puerto Rican Studies Association
2016-present	American Political Science Association
2005-present	Latin American Studies Association