

Meet the Borinqueñas ^[1]

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The following scientists will be in charge of the organization, writing and editing of Borinqueña Blog. Visit their profiles to learn more about these role models or to contact them:

Greetchen Díaz [3] - Borinqueña's main coordinator and editor. Greetchen is a microbiologist and is currently conducting postdoctoral training at the University of Nebraska. In her limited free time, she is also social media director, volunteer coordinator, and writer of the blog series Ciencia a tu alrededor [4] (Science is all around you) for CienciaPR. She is so busy and dynamic, we suspect Greetchen has found the secret to cloning herself.

Kimberly Cabán-Hernández [5]- Microbiologist graduated from the University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez Campus. Kimberly is completing her PhD at the Medical Sciences Campus of the University of Puerto Rico, where she has always been very active in student affairs and mentoring. Recently, she was awarded with the ASM/CDC post-doctoral research fellowship in Infectious Diseases and Public Health. During her post-doctoral training she will work on immunology and molecular epidemiology of dengue.

Mónica Feliu-Mójer [6] - Originally from Vega Alta, Puerto Rico, Monica is the Vice-Director and Editor CienciaPR. She has a bachelors degree in human biology from the University of Puerto Rico in Bayamon and recently completed a Ph.D. in neurobiology from Harvard University, where she studied molecules that regulate communication between neurons. Speaking of communication, Monica is a noted author, speaker and mentor who is dedicated to promoting science among students and the general public.

Giovanna Guerrero-Medina [7] - After completing her Ph.D. in neurobiology from the University of California, Berkeley, Giovanna began a career in science policy and management of scientific research organizations. Her interest in promoting a healthy environment for science in Puerto Rico brought her to volunteer with CienciaPR and subsequently direct the organization. She marvels at her good fortune of being able to work with colleagues such as the ones as listed here.

Marvi Matos [8] - A Chemical Engineer by training, Marvi completed her bachelors at the University of Puerto Rico and her PhD at Carnegie Mellon specializing in nanotechnology. During her postdoc at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Marvi studied the differentiation of stem cells in vitro under electric fields conditions. In Seattle, Marvi worked first as an instructor and scientist at the University of Washington and then at to a private company specialized in aerospace products as Scientist and Engineering in materials research. She works today as an Engineering Manager for a manufacturing plant for the same company. Marvi devotes much of her free time offering mentoring and giving talks for students on engineering and is the proud mother of two girls.

Reyna Martínez De Luna [9] - Originally from Humacao, Reyna obtained her Ph.D. in Molecular and Cell Biology from Ohio State University (yes, she is a Buckeye). She is currently completing a postdoc in developmental neurobiology from Upstate Medical University in New York. Her dedication to research does not stop her from exploring other interests, such as cooking, for which she finds she also has a gift.

Marissa Morales [10] - Scientist and fashionista. She studied at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez where she received masters and baccalaureate degrees in chemistry. She currently works as an engineer in microsystems for the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) in Tennessee. Marissa is part of a group of scientists developing new technologies in the area of sensors. Besides her duties as an engineer and a scientist, Marissa mentors students participating in ORNL's educational programs and participates in activities that promote women in science.

María Rodríguez [11] - María is currently completing her PhD in the field of Biochemistry at the University of Puerto Rico's Medical Sciences Campus. Soon she will be starting a new stage in her professional career as a scientist for the Caribbean division of Eli Lilly. In addition to her love of science, María also enjoys the decorative and visual arts.

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