
CURRICULUM VITAE

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BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

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:

DIRECTOR	University of Puerto Rico in Humacao (August 2017 to present) Director of the Social Sciences Department -Arts Department Representative in the Administrative Board of the UPRH (2019 to present)
FULL PROFESSOR	University of Puerto Rico at Humacao (January 2000 to present) Social Science Department Co-designer and Professor of the Bachelor's degree in Participatory Action Research (2000-present) Psychology and Social Sciences Professor (2000-present)

EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR **Fundación Agenda Ciudadana, Inc.** (July 2007-November 2017)
-Dialogue and public policy facilitator of 9 transectorial national groups in the areas of education, health, socioeconomic development, environment, security, families, youths, early childhood, sustainable energy.

DIRECTOR AND INSTITUTIONAL LIAISON

**University of Puerto Rico & Fundación Agenda Ciudadana
(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
-Institutional Liaison of the Sustain Dialogue Campus Center

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 at Humacao:

1. Researcher and evaluator of the Community Partnership for Youth Empowerment project, (2007-2010)
2. Producer and Moderator Community Program: *Abriendo Espacios*. 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. *ComUniRed* 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.) in *Manual para la Educación Alternativa en Competencias Ciudadanas para jóvenes en escuelas y Comunidad.* 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.** *Hacia una Educación inclusiva y Participativa.* 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. **Ortiz, B.; Lara, M.; 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. XIX Residential Seminar of the *Asociación de Ejecutivos de Cooperativas*. Keynote Speaker: The Future in the Present and Dialogue as a Strategy. August 17, 2019. Dominican Republic.
12. 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>
13. 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
14. Course in Sustained Dialogue (September-November 2018). 30 hours contact and 2 credits continuing education by DECEP-UPRH
15. Course in Citizen Competencies (February-May 2018) 30 hours contact and 2 credits continuing education by DECEP-UPRH
16. Course in Environment Communication (CIAM-8120). Co-designer and professor. Graduate School in Environmental Sciences. UPR Rio Piedras (2014-2018)
17. 10th ISTR World Conference. Stockholm, Sweden (July 2016) Participatory Design
18. Digital Citizen: TIC-TAC-TEP (Webinar). Social Innovation Center. San Juan. (November 2016)
19. 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.
18. First Research Congress at the University of Puerto Rico at Humacao. 28 October 2014. Keynote Speaker: The Wonder of The Search: The Multiplicity of Academic and Sustainable Research at UPRH
20. Second Annual Citizen Agenda Convention (April 2014) Keynote Speaker: Profile of a Competent Citizenship.
21. 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.
22. First Symposium on Health Psychology in Puerto Rico. PR Psychology Association. Evidence of Praxis. Facilitating deliberative dialogue. September 6, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Corporación de Apoyo a Programas Educativos y Comunitarios, Inc. (CAPEDCOM)
(Founder and member of the Board of Directors)

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

Red de Apoyo a Grupos Comunitarios en Desarrollo Socioeconómico, 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)
- 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: facilitator (2000 to 2008)

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

- Coordination Assistant, January 2004.

Autonomous Municipality of Caguas, Municipal Housing Department. Director Community Initiative Program, Residencial José Gautier Benítez, 2003.

Solidarity Fundation: *Agenda for Quality of Life in Puerto Rico*, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Board of Directors

- Program design, facilitator of discussion groups and general co-rapporteur, 2003-2005

Social and Educational Coalition to Support Communities, Caguas, Puerto Rico.

- Adviser, 2001-2003.

Office for Socio-Economic Financing and The Self-Management of Special Communities, Office of the Governor, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

- Consultant and trainee of the staff, 2001-02.
- Consultant of the National Training Program for Special Communities Community Leaders, 2002.

Systemic Initiative for Educational Excellence in Science and Mathematics, University of Puerto Rico.

- Trainer on Learning Communities in School Empowerment Component, 1999-2002.

Office of Services with Early Trial, Department of Correction, Puerto Rico.

- Staff Training Facilitator, 2002-2003

CAPEDCOM, Inc., Training Center for Community Leaders, in conjunction with the University of Turabo and the Municipality of Caguas.

- Curriculum Design Professional Certification in Community Socioeconomic Development and Teacher, 1999-2001

Technical and Professional Support Group for the Sustainable Development of Vieques, Puerto Rico.

- Adviser to the Guides for Sustainable Development of Vieques, Vieques 2001.

RECENT CONTENT EDUCATION, ACTIVITIES AND CONFERENCE ASSISTANCE

- Graphic Facilitation (U Theory). Visual Practice Facilitation. June 21-23 at UPRH
- Seminar in Theory U. Society of Leadership, MIT. September 10 y 11 2014
- Seminar in Sustain Dialogue. International Sustain Dialogue Institute. 20-22 November 2013 (12 hours contact)
- Seminar on Heráclitus: An Ancient Wisdom. Puerto Rican Academy of Spanish Language. 8 October to 5 November 2013 (10 hours contact)
- ZEN Buddhism Course: University of Puerto Rico at Bayamón (25 hours contact)
- Kettering Foundation and International Institute for Sustain Dialogue Seminars (July 2013)
- Seminar in Sustainability. Society for Organizational Learning (2013)
- First Symposium on Health Psychology in Puerto Rico. PR Psychology Association. Evidence of Praxis. University of Puerto Rico in Río Piedras. September 6, 2013
- 1st Poverty Eradication Summit. Office of Special Communities. September 30, 2013 Puerto Rico Legislature.
- Sustain Dialogue Seminar. International Institute of Sustaining Dialogue, Washington DC 7 al 9 de julio 2012
- 20th International Conference on Democratic Education. Caguas Fine Arts Centre (March 2012)
- Society for Organizational Leadership: The Fifth Discipline, Peter Senge (march 2012)
- LASA 2008, Rio de Janeiro Brazil (June, 2009) Inequalities
- Second International Conference on Community Psychology, Lisbon, Portugal (June 2008)
- Intercontinental Congress Universidad, Havana Cuba (February 2008)
- Quinto Forum Paulo Freire, Valencia Spain (2006)
- First International Conference on Community Psychology (2006)

- 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)

RECENT 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