University of Puerto Rico
Mayaguez University Campus
College of Art and Science

Social Sciences Department
Annual Report 2022-2023

Approve by:

Dr. Edwin J. Asencio Pagán
Director
A. Executive Summary

During the 2022-2023 academic year, the Department of Social Sciences met the programmatic objectives in accordance with the department's strategic plan: institutionalize a culture of strategic planning and assessment, be at the vanguard of higher education in Puerto Rico, guaranteeing that our students receive the best education, increase and diversify the sources of income of the institution, implement agile and efficient administrative processes, strengthen research and competitive creative work of the faculty, impact Puerto Rican society and strengthen the sense of belonging and "Collegiate Pride". Next, we present the achievements of the faculty with the support of the administrative staff of the Department of Social Sciences.

B. Mission

Offer a solid academic preparation in the Social Sciences that is characterized by theoretical and methodological diversity, and by inter and multidisciplinary work. Promote the training of competent leaders and professionals, with the capacity for critical thinking and mastery of their discipline, with ethical values sensitive to working with human and socio-cultural diversity, and committed to the well-being of society. Promote research and interest in continuous learning in its faculty and students.

The vision of the Department of Social Sciences is: To be at the forefront in the development and application of knowledge in the Social Sciences and in the training of competent professionals committed to finding solutions to the social challenges of Puerto Rico and society global.

C. To institutionalize a culture of strategic planning and assessment

a) The Department has four academic programs:
   - Politic Science
   - General Social Sciences
   - History
   - Sociology

To facilitate the strategic planning of the academic offer and continuous curricular review, the faculty is assigned to one of the academic programs and these in turn select a coordinator to facilitate the planning of the academic offer of each program. However, there are faculty members who offer courses in more than one program. During this year the course programming of all the programs was coordinated by the program coordinators together with the director of the Department.
In the same way, a database of the Social Sciences program is maintained by our students. Its purpose is to generate information that helps us to describe the effectiveness of the Programs, to identify areas that need attention, and to develop strategies to improve the teaching and learning process in them.

b) The Department has five (5) permanent Committees: Personnel Committee, Curriculum Committee, Appraisal Committee, Strategic Plan Committee and the Committee for the Allocation of Research Spaces. In this way, it is possible to work on strategic planning in the areas of curriculum, evaluation of Professor, the allocation of research spaces in the centers attached to the Department and the departmental plan for continuous assessment.

i. During the 2022-2023 academic year, the Personnel Committee had the following members:

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<td>Dr. Carlos Hernández Hernández</td>
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<td>Dr. Michael González Cruz</td>
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ii. During the 2022-2023 academic year, the Curriculum Committee had the following members:

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<td>Dr. Luis Nieves Rosa</td>
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<td>Dr. Ramonita Vega</td>
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<td>Prof. Luisa Seijo Maldonado</td>
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<td>Ex-officio members Dr. Tania López and Dr. Carlos Hernández</td>
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Dr. Luis Nieves Rosa chairs the Curriculum Committee of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. This year there were revisions in the curriculum of the General Social Sciences program and in the Sociology program.

iii. Dr. Edwin Asencio Pagán, Director, continues as Coordinator of the Assess Committee. The Committee is made up of the coordinators or representatives of the academic programs:

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Dr. Ingrid Rodríguez Ramos is the representative of the Department of Social Sciences before the Assessment Committee of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

iv. The Strategic Plan Committee is made up of:

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v. The Space Committee is made up of the following professors plus the Director of the Department:

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<td>Dr. Luis E. Nieves Rosas</td>
<td>General Social Sciences</td>
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D. To lead higher education throughout Puerto Rico while guaranteeing the best education for our students

i. The Department of Social Sciences is honored that the Governing Board and the University of Puerto Rico have awarded the academic distinction, Emeritus Professor, to Dr. Manuel Valdés Pizzini. They recognize and value the academic work, scientific research management and the career of Dr. Manuel Valdés Pizzini. He has been a mentor and an inspiring figure for the generations that today contribute to the country. We feel very proud. Congratulations Dr. Valdés Pizzini!
ii. Administrative procedures were carried out so that our department had more resources that promote distance education, hybrids and mixed course modalities. We currently have rooms CH-127, 128, 320, 321 and 328. Therefore, we are one of the departments of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences with the main number of virtual rooms.

iii. The Professor were certify as virtual educators, in the areas of Teaching Methodology, Design and creation of educational materials, and Use of the learning management system (Moodle). As established in certification number 19-85 of the Academic Senate. A series of challenges were presented which the Department of Social Sciences has efficiently overcome, demonstrating its commitment to the students and the University.

iv. During the first semester 2022-23, sixty-three (63) sections of courses were offered, of which thirty (30) were asynchronous, twenty-one (21) at a distance, ten (10) in Hybrid mode and two (2) courses by agreement. Three (3) of the presental courses were mega sections, and eleven (11) of the distance courses were mega sections.

v. In the second semester 2022-2023, sixty-four (64) sections of courses were offered, of which thirty-one (31) were presental, nineteen (19) were distance learning, five (5) in hybrid mode, seven (7) courses by agreement and two (2) courses in the distance mode with schedule. Three (3) of the presental courses were mega sections, and twelve (12) of the distance courses were mega sections.

vi. The Department has three Curricular Sequences:

- International Relations - This sequence is particularly important in a globalized world that requires movement of personnel beyond national
borders, so it is an added value that students understand the international system.

- Human Well-being - Human well-being refers to the activities designed by state or civil society organizations with the purpose of satisfying the basic needs of people and communities in areas such as health, education, housing, employment, among others. The objective of the action is usually of a community nature, serving groups of people, geographical or functional communities, cities or nations. To this end, it is intended that they acquire the necessary skills and knowledge in the identification of problems, effective communication and conflict management to apply them in the work carried out in government agencies, as well as in civil society organizations.

- Sociology and Environmental Public Policy - promotes the analysis of environmental issues, combining scientific-natural, technical and social aspects of the relationship between human beings and their environment from an integrating perspective.

vii. The creation of the minor concentration in Criminology was submitted.

This sequence intends to promote the study of criminal behavior, the factors that provoke it, its manifestations, the social reaction; strategies for the prevention and control of criminal conduct. Therefore, the courses are aligned with the sociological focus of the Sociology Program. What allows a theoretical approach, based on the scientific foundations exposed by sociologists and criminologists. In turn, the academic offering as designed shows a specific and interdisciplinary approach, which facilitates in students the understanding and analysis related to criminal behavior.

The minor concentration in criminology seeks to promote and develop critical analysis of the social factors that affect criminal behavior in order to develop recommendations for public policies in the area of security; as well as, also achieve recognition of the figure of the victim in the legal process. The criminological study affects the study and description of criminal phenomena that directly and indirectly affect the individual and collective levels. Concern about the increase in criminal activity entails analyzing different social and individual factors such as poverty, social inequality, racial segregation, institutional violence, interpersonal violence, psychological aspects, among others. For this purpose, it is intended to study and investigate criminological phenomena and other manifestations of socially deviant behavior, requiring the need to train students with the expectation of understanding the phenomenon of criminal actions.

The minor concentration in Criminology proposes that students can develop their analysis skills and reading comprehension in the field of Criminology. That inspires the student to continue graduate studies and develop in
students the capacity for scientific analysis of the factors that promote criminal behavior.

viii. Student training: As part of our mission to train students in research, students of the SOCI 3265 and CIPO 4145 courses take practical courses in the computer lab of the Applied Social Research Center (CISA) to learn how to use the Statistical Program for the Social Sciences (SPSS) and, the QUALTRICS program. In this way we are preparing our students so that they can perform statistical analysis. They also learn to use the Nudist In Vivo program to do qualitative analysis. Students who take the physical and human geography courses (GEOG 3155 and 3185) learn to use the Global Positioning Systems (GPS) program and the geographic map design program.

ix. The Department of Social Sciences obtained several programs used by researchers and student-researchers of the Department, including those linked to the Center for Applied Social Research (CISA) and the Interdisciplinary Center for Coastal Studies (CIEL), as well as by those professors who teach social research methods course and research seminars. They are also used for online research and collaboration. The methods and social research courses of the Department of Social Sciences benefit from these programs, as professors integrate them into their courses to provide their students with practical experience with these innovative and versatile programs. The skills acquired are very useful both in graduate school and in the job market.
  o IBM SPSS
  o Qualtrics.XM
  o ATLAS.ti
  o End Note
  o N Vivo

x. Consistently during the academic year, participatory-action-research experiences continue to be offered to students at the University Institute for the Development of Communities linked to CISO 3121 and 3122, SOCI 4095, CISO 4116, CISO 4117 and CISO 4118 courses under the INTD 3995 encoding for which they receive credit.

xi. In general, most of the Professor participated in professional improvement activities, which resulted in the strengthening of teaching.

xii. There were 11 students participating in the United Nations Student Congress of Puerto Rico competition. Participation was part of the ONU Model course (CIPO 4735) offered by Dr. Waldemar Arroyo. In this competition, the students simulated the diplomatic representation of a delegation of the member states of the United Nations Organization (ONU). They participated in processes of debate, multilateral negotiation and drafting of resolutions.
The competition was held at the Robinson School in San Juan on Saturday, February 25, 2023.


xiv. Dr. Waldemar Arroyo Rojas, Coordinator and supervisor of internal students in the Department of State of Puerto Rico January - May 2023.

xv. Eighty-one students from our department were recognized by the faculty and administrative staff during this 2022-2023 academic year. The tribute took place at the Ramón Figueroa Chapel amphitheater. "La Orquesta de Cuerdas" of the Campus was invited to perform various musical performances, and Mr. Orlandy Cabrera Valentín, a graduate of our Political Science Program and Undersecretary of the Government of Puerto Rico.
The administrative staff and faculty of the Department of Social Sciences are proud of the student representation at the 2023 INTER-UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC LEAGUE SPORTS FESTIVAL (L.A.I.). During the games we had the participation of students from our department, Franette Ocasio, Student of the History Program, Captain of the women's Judo team, she achieved the distinction of the Bronze medal in the 63kg category.

We also congratulate Emmanuel Pérez, a student from the Political Science Program who won the silver medal in the men's Judo sport in the +100kg category. We wish you students the best of success in sport and in your future goals. Thank you for representing the colors of the institution and our department.
The Department of Social Sciences and the administrative staff welcomed students from different high schools. We are very happy that you visited us at the Open House on November 10, 2022. Our Department is entrusted with offering you an efficient service. Today more than ever Puerto Rico requires professionals committed to the country, who develop their vision of the future without losing perspective of the importance of human rights, social coexistence and respect for human dignity.
xviii. During the 2022-2023 academic year, several professors from our department retired:

Prof. Ileana Matias del Toro. Your commitment was recognized with academic excellence and fidelity in the forge of students of Social Sciences and Political Science professionals, through their mentoring in the Curricular Sequence in International Relations and in the chair in our compound.

To Dr. Michael Campbell Wolfmeyer, for his dedication, wisdom and friendship towards the members of the Department of Social Sciences and the History Program and especially the students. His legacy is characterized by his good humor and chivalry.
E. To increase and diversify the Institution’s sources of revenue

1. It is planning to create a continuing education program for professions that need continuing education such as Social Work professionals. In addition, the possibility of offering evaluation services to non-profit organizations whose funders require evaluation of professional services is explored. This is being planned to be carried out from the facilities of the Center for Applied Social Research (CISA).

2. Work is being done on the creation of the Graduate Program of the Department of Social Sciences.

3. Currently, courses are taught at the "Rumex" night school to bring funds to the Department and, in turn, part of the budget is directed to the Mayaguez Campus.

4. Research:

   Instituto Universitario para el Desarrollo de las Comunidades de la UPRM. Whole Community Resilience Planning (WCRP) Program under the Community Development Block. Grant for Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR Program). To carry out community resilience plans in: “La Salud Mayagüez; El Cerro, Naranjito; Villa Esperanza, Toa Alta; Las Carolinas, San Germán; La Calle Abajo, Lajas; Guayabota, Yabucoa; and San salvador, Caguas”. Luisa Seijo Maldonado (PI). Ingrid Rodríguez Ramos, Reinaldo Rosado Silva, Ricardo Fuentes Ramírez, Marcel castro Setirichi, Francisco Maldonado y Lizzette González (Co-PI). Total $1,400,000.00. Project duration: 2022-2024.

   Dr. Tania del Mar López Marrero. A Participatory Approach to El Yunque Ecosystem Services and Drivers of Ecosystem Change: Ten Years Later (USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station, and Agreement Number: 17-CS-11330144-063. $128,721).


   • In June 2023, it approved a modification to the proposal to extend the completion date of the project and add new objectives and publications. The modification also included an additional contribution of funds from the USDA-FS IITF for $41,920, mainly to cover assistantships for undergraduate research assistants, among other items.

   Dr. Tania del Mar López Marrero. Project 1867: Disasters and memory in Puerto Rico. During this year, a component was developed for the project of writing stories
about disasters in Puerto Rico. Six Comparative Literature students wrote them; they are in the process of publication.

Dr. Tania del Mar López Marrero. Land cover built one kilometer from the coast of Puerto Rico. This research is carried out through the Sea Grant Program, which has subsidized stipends to students as research assistants.

F. To implement efficient and expedient administrative procedures

Summarize the projects developed to promote the automation, simplification, standardization, review, and documentation of administrative processes. Also, include mechanisms for evaluating administrative processes and an overview of training activities aimed at non-teaching staff to strengthen their skills in their respective areas of work. Some points to consider:

a) automation of processes
b) Reviewed processes
c) Establishment and documentation of internal administrative procedures d. Evaluation of administrative processes (provide examples)
d) Improvement and recognition activities aimed at administrative and support staff.

1. In order to streamline administrative processes and provide updated information on the Department throughout the year, the Department's WEB page on the WordPress platform continued to be updated:

https://www.uprm.edu/cienciassociales/.

G. To strengthen research and competitive creative endeavors

1. The Interdisciplinary Center for Coastal Studies (CIEL- El Centro Interdisciplinario de Estudios del Litoral) is a research center attached to the Department of Social Sciences of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences of the Mayaguez Campus. Based on interdisciplinary study and applied research, CIEL investigates, educates, and disseminates information on coastal social processes with an emphasis on the relationship between human beings, society, and the environment. CIEL is also a place of work, research and training for undergraduate and graduate students from various disciplines. The center's website, www.cieluprm.com,
offers more details on research, creative work, publications and activities carried out during the semester in question and in previous periods.

CIEL page: https://cieluprm.weebly.com/
Facebook page: Interdisciplinary Center for Coastal Studies
https://www.facebook.com/cieluprm/

Dr. Manuel Valdés Pizzini

In the second semester of this year, we coordinated, together with the Center for Applied Social Research and the Sea Grant Program, the presentation of the book by Dr. Luis Manuel Baquero Rosas, History of the Tuna Industry in Mayagüez; from 1960 to 2012, on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. Doctors Edwin Asencio Pagan, Reinaldo Rosado Silva and Ingrid Rodríguez Ramos, and Professor Ruperto Chaparro participated. Dr. Rosado collaborated with CIEL in organizing the event and Dr. Rodríguez coordinated the poster.

Collaborations:

We collaborate with UPR-Sea Grant and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) in their projects.

We are moderating a conference on the USGS in the Caribbean, October 25, 2022.

Preparation of an interview protocol and the informed consent sheet for community leaders regarding the USGS Portal of data related to Puerto Rico. The protocol was approve by the IRB in May 2023.

We collaborated with the firm Environmental Mapping Consultants LLC, www.gisemc.com in the design and implementation of a study on the carrying capacity of four coastal areas: La Parguera-Lajas, Las Croabas-Fajardo, Tres Palmas-Rincón and, Ocean Park -San Juan.
Preparation of a Land Acknowledgment of Puerto Rico, for the Seismic Network. This is a document required by federal agencies to document the status of tribal or native societies in states and territories.

Collaboration with the Sea Grant Program in the preparation of the proposal Catalyzing JEDI-Centered Solutions for the Culturally Appropriate Use of Flood Inundation Mapping Services, together with Dr. Ariam Torres Cordero. In progress.

Working visit of Dr. Mikel Otxotoko, from Donostia in the Vasco Country to work on an exhibition on Newfoundland (St. Pierre), Puerto Rico and the Vasco Country in relation to the world-ecology of cod. We work together with Mr. Efra Figueroa, in the compilation of film material and interviews in the field and with specialists in gastronomy. May 2023

Publications:


Preparation of the book Memories of the coast: essays on ethnography, history and anthropological imagination, for its publication at the end of 2023: edition of the chapters, selection of images and maps, and selection of the cover

Presentations:

“Complejidades comunitarias y biodiversidad marina en la reserva marina Tres Palmas”-Rincón marine reserve: gringos, surfers, anglers, assembly members, teachers, students and scientists. First Congress of Work and Community Development of the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus, October 27, 2022.

On environmental public policy and natural reserves in the western area. October 25. Public Policy Course, by Dr. Edwin Asencio Pagán.

Workshop and talk in “Villa del Ojo”, Aguadilla, to students and professors from Harvard University and the UPR in Río Piedras Campus on the history and socioeconomic processes of the country’s fisheries. Responsible: Dr. Pedro Reina, UPR-RP. January 3, 2023.

Workshop on the use of the MAXQDA program for the analysis of qualitative data. Psychology Course 4078, by Professor Mario Núñez.

Rethinking (I guess) Puerto Rican Fisheries. Presentation in the graduate course Topics in Marine Politics and Economics by Dr. Juan D. Agar of the University of Miami. March 3, 2023.

The APRUM With you, with Luis Mejía Maymí. Radio Interview of the Association of Teachers of the RUM (APRUM), WPRA 990 AM, about anthropology and the writing “El entierro de Cortijo, notas breves sobre un clásico”. Wednesday May 17, 2023.

The transfiguration of the coast: notes for the history of the landscape and coastal settlements in Puerto Rico since the 16th century. At the General Assembly of the Caribbean Coastal and Ocean Observing System (CARICOOS), Club Náutico de San Juan, May 26, 2023.

Two students were recruited during this period:

- José G. Rullán Enríquez (first year, Political Science), research on the history of Boquerón.
- Sergio G. López Burgos (4 year, Plastic Arts), illustrations of fishing corrals and boats.

Artistic rendering by Sergio López of a drawing by Auguste Plée in 1820 about Loíza.
Preparation of the proposal The quandary of the villas pesqueras (fish landing centers) in Puerto Rico: Abandonment, displacement, and resilience, for two years, $75,000 per year, together with doctors Ariam Torres-Cordero and, Edwin Asencio Pagán. Submitted in April 2023.


In the past five years, Puerto Rico has faced enough natural disasters to fuel a decade. Combined with the most recent COVID-19 pandemic, the destabilization of the economy and health systems, the even more precarious state of the Island is revealed. However, the sustained impact on the diet of Puerto Ricans is rarely discussed, a factor that for years has been in check. From this, the food safety factor is presented, a subject of considerable importance but with little general knowledge. Its simplest definition considers it as the physical and economic capacity of an individual to have access to nutritious food that meets their basic needs. Within food safety it is not only considered how much you eat, but also how well you eat.

For the year 2015, the Puerto Rico Institute of Statistics published a study where it was revealed that 3 out of 10 Puerto Ricans have some type of food insecurity. It occurs when some, if not all, of the food security factors are absent from an individual's eating routine. Within the coastal communities of Puerto Rico, this reality is even more pertinent; Due to factors such as their geographic location and socioeconomic level, these sectors suffer the ravages of different natural disasters more pronouncedly.

For this reason, the Community Research Resilience organization of the Mayagüez University Campus seeks to investigate, through a process of surveys, food security in the coastal community El Seco in Mayagüez, after Hurricane Irma and María, the 2020 tremors and the COVID pandemic. As a purpose, this study seeks to disseminate the nutritional status of said community as well as to promote similar research in other vulnerable communities in Puerto Rico. Food security is an urgent issue that, exacerbated by the passage of the most recent Hurricane Fiona, has not received the attention and action that it deserves.
For more information, access our website www.uprm.edu/rvcc and our Instagram and Facebook posts through the Sea Grant Puerto Rico page.

3. **Publications**

https://biblioteca-repositorio.clacso.edu.ar/bitstream/CLACSO/248256/1/Memoria-y-feminismos.pdf


Cuentos desastrosos. Compilados por Diego S. López Burgos y Tania del Mar López Marrero, ilustraciones por Albert L. Cruz Toro. La compilación consiste en 7 cuentos escritos por estudiantes subgraduados de Literatura Comparada. Estoy en conversaciones con la Fundación Puertorriqueña de las Humanidades para establecer una colaboración y publicar los cuentos. Cartilla ‘Cambio climático y sociedad’. En colaboración con el Programa Sea Grant.

López Marrero, T. Melecio Torres, A. & Heartsill Scalley, T. ¡Esa agua no me gusta! Water consumption patterns among students at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus. Article to be submitted to a refereed journal.
“Cuentos desastrosos”. Compiled by Diego S. López Burgos and Tania del Mar López Marrero, illustrations by Albert L. Cruz Toro. The compilation consists of seven stories written by undergraduate students of Comparative Literature. I am in talks with the Puerto Rican Foundation for the Humanities to establish a collaboration and publish the stories.

Tania del Mar López Marrero. Primer ‘Climate change and society’. In collaboration with the Sea Grant Program.


Prof. Mario R. Cancel Sepúlveda. "An anthology of Puerto Rican anarchist texts from the early 20th century" (August 5, 2022) in 80 Degrees-History. URL: https://www.80grados.net/una-antologia-de-textos-anarquistas-puertorriqueno-de-principios-del-siglo-20/


Prof. Mario R. Cancel Sepúlveda. "Identity and a fictional antecedent" (January 26-February 1, 2023) in Claridad-En Rojo 3622: 12-14. URL: https://issuu.com/periodicodelanacion/docs/issu3622

Prof. Mario R. Cancel Sepúlveda. "The representation of extreme violence: glosses to the last book by Carlos Pabón Ortega" (March 3, 2023) in Thinking about the contemporary URL: https://wp.me/p3jyKa-bi

Prof. Mario R. Cancel Sepúlveda. "Memory of a murder: a text by Enrique Ramírez Brau" (February 2023) in Siglo 22-History Magazine URL: https://sigloxx22.org/2023/02/22/memoria-de-un-asesinato-un-texto-de-enrique-ramirez-brau/


Prof. Mario R. Cancel Sepúlveda. "Other Betances: intersections and borders" (May 16, 2023) in Claridad-En Rojo URL: https://claridadpuertorico.com/otros-betances-intersecciones-y-fronteras/

Prof. Mario R. Cancel Sepúlveda. "Other Betances: intersections and borders" (May 18, 2023) in Claridad-En Rojo 3638: 9, 12-15. URL: https://issuu.com/periodicodelanacion/docs/issu_3638

**Book**


**Book Chapter:**


**International**


Fonseca Santos, Melody. Co-coordinator of the CLACSO Network of Feminisms, Gender and Memory Working Group (2021-present).

Fonseca Santos, Melody. Member of the Executive Committee of the Latin America and Caribbean Section of the International Studies Association (2022-2023).

Fonseca Santos, Melody. Co-Chair of the Gender and Feminism section of the Latin American Studies Association (2022-2023).

Fonseca Santos, Melody. Chair del Committee on Dissertation Completion Fellowships of the International Studies Association (2023-2025).

**Conferences**

Fonseca Santos, Melody. Guest speaker: “Haití ante el espejo del ser: narrativas imperiales de la ocupación militar estadounidense”. Virtual


Dr. Waldemar Arroyo Rojas, United Nations Diplomat Conference Mr. Tuina de Benito Fernández (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) (UPRM) April 13, 2023.

Ucrania War Forum in the context of the 60th anniversary of the 1962 Missile Crisis. The deponents are the colleagues: Dr Ángel Viera-Historical Analogies between Ucrania and the Missile Crisis Dr. Carlos Hernández-Participation of Puerto Rico in the Crisis Dr. Waldemar Arroyo-International Law Dr. Michael González-moderator
Date: March 16, 2023

Round table on the geopolitical situation, the democratization conditions, the social and human rights situation in the countries of Haiti, Cuba, and Afghanistan:
Dr. Ángel Viera: The title Haiti; Truncated or Failed Democratization?
Dr. Michael Gonzalez, Cuba homeland, life or death: from the maleconazo
Dr. Waldemar Arroyo, Afghanistan: Human rights and the contemporary geopolitical situation.
Moderator: Mr. William Pagan, President of AECIPO
September 28, 2023

Presentation:

Rosado-Silva, Reinaldo; Rodriguez, Ramos, Ingrid; and Seijo Maldonado, Luisa R. May 5, 2023: Conference Advancing Community Solar Power: Vision and Action for a Resilient and Sustainable Puerto Rico at the Eugene Francis Conference Room of the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus,
presented: Planning Project for Community Resilience with seven communities in Puerto Rico (Team made up of Ingrid Rodríguez Ramos, Reinaldo Rosado Silva, Luisa Rosario Seijo Maldonado and Marcel Castro).

Rosado-Silva, Reinaldo; and Rodríguez, Ramos, Ingrid. April 2023. Presentation entitled Creating Collaborative Spaces: Contributions of the University Institute for the Development of Communities in the face of the COVID19 pandemic. In Industrial Engineering Amphitheatre, IUDC Research Symposium: University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus.

Rosado-Silva, Reinaldo March 28, 2023. A review of the book titled The History of Tuna Fishing by Dr. Luis Baquero was presented at the Ramón Figueroa Chapel Amphitheater of the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus on March 28, 2023 (Lecturer).

Rosado-Silva, Reinaldo February 4, 2023. Presentation entitled Participatory Action Research: Photography Technique in Social Research and Database Management. In the Seminar of the University Institute for the Development of the Communities of the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus. (Lecturer)

Rosado-Silva, Reinaldo; Rodriguez, Ramos, Ingrid; and Seijo Maldonado, Luisa R. April 8, 2022. Presentation entitled "Between the academy and the community: Creating spaces for Collaboration through the University Institute for the development of Communities." At the Mayagüez University Campus Research Fair.

Rosado-Silva, Reinaldo Forum: From “Del ataque inglés de Ralph Abercrombi en 1971 a la visita del rey España Felipe VI”: February 17, 2022 memories of the founding of a resilient and invincible nation. Paper entitled History, memory and symbols: the interpretative power of images”. At the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus, Ramón Figueroa Chapel Amphitheatre, Department of Social Sciences.
Available at: https://www.uprm.edu/portada/2022/04/20/foro-historia/

Dr. Tania Del Mar Lopez Marrero. Albert L. Cruz Toro, Alejandra L. Marrero Martínez and Aniska M. Ruiz Perea. Comparison of notions about the trees of the Mayagüez University Campus between the student community and experts. XXVIII Symposium on Research in the Social Sciences "The Contribution of the Undergraduate Student in Applied Social Research." University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus. May 4, 2023. [virtual]

Dr. Tania del Mar Lopez Marrero. Adlín Melecio Torres, Ámbar Pumarada Gamboa and Roxanna Crespo Lugo. From the tap or from the bottle? Water consumption by students of the Mayagüez University Campus. Conference
Dr. Tania Del Mar Lopez Marrero coordinated and moderated the conference 'Climate change and participation in the coast: Connecting networks for common knowledge', by Dr. Alla Yu Iwama (Federal University of Paraíba, Brazil). The activity was part of the course 'Social aspects of climate change', a course that I taught from January to May 2023. It had the collaboration and co-sponsorship of the Hemispheric Center for Cooperation in Research and Education in Engineering and Applied Science, in the University of Puerto Rico in Mayaguez. May 2, 2023. [virtual, presentation available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btYyOSjdMa]

Dr. Tania Del Mar Lopez Marrero was an invited panelist in the discussion 'Women in research and academia', together with Dr. Sonia Bartolomei Suárez, Dr. Jocelyn A. Géliga Vargas and Dr. Yaniria Sánchez León. The discussion was coordinated as part of the activities of the Center for Advanced Radio Sciences and Engineering - CARSE and was moderated by Dr. Isa Rodríguez Soto, Executive Officer of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion of CARSE. March 9, 2023, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Tarzán Room, University of Puerto Rico – Mayagüez.

International Presentation

H. To impact our Puerto Rican society

1. During June 19 and 20, 2023, the Department of Social Sciences carried out its summer camp called: Multiverse of opportunities in the Social Sciences. There was the collaboration of Professors, the Association of Political Science Students and Administrative Staff of our department. The common denominator of all those who collaborated in this day of hard work was their high level of commitment to what our Department represents. The agenda of our event met its objectives, among which I must highlight the following:

- Make the Department of Social Sciences visible among the students who attended.
- Offer a suitable orientation for high school students.
- Identify short- and long-term recruitment strategies that we must consider to achieve greater student recruitment.
- Promote each of the academic programs and curricular sequences.
- Present in detail our research centers CIEL, CISA, SIEMPRE VIVAS Project. We carry out activities in each of the centers that respond to our research centers. It allowed us to make research visible, contributions to the scientific community, to our communities and vulnerable populations.
- The role of the Association of Political Science Students was very important since the importance of their contributions was reflected with their testimonies. They were motivating entities in the aspirations of those who appeared.
- Efficient and assertive strategies were identified to enter the private and public-school sectors of the educational regions of the country.

The Department of Social Sciences definitely has a wealth of colleagues committed to the country’s education. We introduce students to our Department's Academic Programs and research opportunities. We compile very valuable information for the next year to obtain better results and aspire to a greater recruitment of students.
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2. Political Science Students Association
Mayagüez University Campus
PERFORMED ACTIVITIES
ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

During the semester from August to December 2022, the Political Science Student Association was able to carry out, on September 6, 2022, the conversation with Senator Ana Irma Rivera Lassén. In this, the Senator informed several students of the Campus about Senate Project 929, where the issue of abortion and the legality of the right to decide was discussed. After this, the AECIPO canceled the scheduled activities for the semester due to the passage of Hurricane Fiona.

Already for the semester from January to May 2023, the Association with a restructured directive managed to carry out various activities. Beginning with the activity of February 2, 2023, where a conversation was held with the
Secretary General of the Puerto Rican Independence Party, Juan Dalmau Ramírez, where he spoke to us about his government plan: Patria Nueva. Then, on February 16, we were holding our first Colloquium. In this activity, the members of the Association and the board of directors met to discuss the issue of Puerto Rican political status.

For the month of March, our first activity took place on March 7, 2023. In this, Dr. Wilmarie Muñiz was invited, where she spoke to us about polo contamination in Puerto Rico and its damage to society. Then, on March 16, 2023, the Association participated, together with the Department of Social Sciences, in a discussion about the Ukrainian War. On March 28, our second Colloquium was held, in which we talked about the Beginning of the Electoral Campaign.

On April 4, we held a conversation with Professor Arturo Massol, where he spoke to us about the Casa Pueblo Project. During this month, the activities that we had scheduled were being canceled due to the lack of water in the Campus.

During the semester from February to May 2023, Daniel A. Fernández together with Estela Muñiz, were visiting several schools in the western region. These visits were made to give workshops, talking about the Puerto Rican Political System and guiding students about the elections and how to fulfill their right to vote. Below is a list of the schools visited:

1. San Andrés Episcopal College (Mayagüez)- February 25, 2023
2. San Benito School (Mayagüez)- February 27, 2023
3. Segundo Ruiz Belvis High School (Hormigueros)- March 17, 2023
4. CROEM (Residential Center for Educational Opportunities in Mayagüez)- March 22, 2023
5. Eugenio María de Hostos High School (Mayagüez)- March 24 and 27, 2023
6. Dr. Pedro Perea Fajardo Higher Vocational School (Mayagüez)- March 29, 2023
7. Southwestern Educational Society (SESO- Mayagüez)- April 27, 2023
8. Montessori Alejandro Tapia y Rivera (Lajas)- May 11, 2023

3. Siempre Vivas Project: It is a project sponsored by the Department of Social Sciences and Directed by Prof. Luisa Seijo Maldonado, from where advocacy is offered to women survivors of gender violence and domestic violence. The Project offers support group services and individual counseling for women, as
well as for their sons and daughters, according to the needs that the participants themselves identify. Support groups have proven to be a useful resource in transforming women survivors of domestic violence and are part of the essential work to keep women out of the cycle of violence. They are a space of peace and free of judgement, where women offer support, comfort, understanding, knowledge; a safe space where they can regain hope and create very special bonds with other people.

- Gender violence was the prevailing theme in Puerto Rico’s demonstrations. In the town of Mayagüez, a student organization staged a silent march on the local campus of the University of Puerto Rico to honor women who have died by femicide.

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Students and staff from Siempre Vivas, a student organization that assists women who’ve suffered gender violence, march in silence with a Puerto Rican flag on the University of Puerto Rico’s Mayagüez campus.

4. Center for Applied Social Research (CISA)

The Center for Applied Social Research (CISA) is attached to the Department of Social Sciences of the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus. Founded in 1989, CISA has an operations center in the Center for Research and Development (CID) on campus. Through a diversity of theoretical approaches and a plurality of research techniques from the various Social Sciences, CISA addresses various problems and social challenges to develop practical solutions to these responding to the community in general, as well as to the needs of the sectors. Public and private.
CISA is an academic organization dedicated to social research used not only to improve our understanding of human social action and various social problems and challenges, but also to develop practical solutions to these challenges and problems. The Center conducts interdisciplinary applied social research to advance scholarship, public policy, planning, social services, and community action.

The research conducted at CISA involves the collaboration of researchers and students from various disciplines: Anthropology, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, History and Social Work, among others. From an interdisciplinary perspective, CISA researchers conduct complex and multifaceted social research to improve our understanding of human social behavior and develop practical solutions to various societal problems and challenges.

CISA promotes interdisciplinary social research and collaboration between researchers through various work groups, the coordination of research projects with other research centers and with governmental and non-governmental organizations, among other social agents.

CISA also promotes public and academic debate regarding various social problems and challenges, social services, public policy and planning. It also promotes public and academic debates on theoretical and methodological issues relevant to applied social research. CISA organizes and sponsors talks, presentations and symposia that stimulate reflection and debate at the Campus and the community in general.

CISA, committed to teaching and learning about applied social research, also promotes workshops and other educational activities for the benefit of researchers, students, educators, and the community in general.

Finally, CISA offers students the opportunity to apply the concepts and methods learned in their university courses to social reality, by participating in the various research projects carried out at the center. CISA constitutes one of the most important research “workshops” for university students. The interdisciplinary perspective that permeates our projects allows faculty and students to be exposed to analytical processes, as well as to a diversity of social and cultural situations. As part of this effort, the Center co-sponsors the Symposium on Social Research in the Social Sciences: The Contribution of Undergraduate Students to Applied Social Research in conjunction with the Department of Social Sciences and various student organizations.

I. To strengthen school spirit, pride, and identity

This year, the students of the Associations of the Departments of Social Sciences and Psychology of the UPR-Mayagüez dedicated the symposium to Dr. Gustavo Cortina Rodríguez in recognition of his commitment to training undergraduate students in research. In addition, they pay a special tribute to Professor Mario Cancel Sepúlveda for his valuable dedication and contribution to the practice and teaching of History and for his contributions to historical research.

The Symposium was a complete success and students from the Campus, as well as from other UPR campuses, participated. The recordings are available on the CISA You Tube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChL_9ApJi4PuCZbw-FMaOWA/videos

https://youtu.be/YX_ZygZ0gGU
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4 DE MAYO DE 2023

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DEDICATORIA

Dr. Gustavo Cortina Rodríguez
Coordinador Técnico, Decano de Estudiantes
Departamento de Psicología

En reconocimiento a su compromiso con el servicio y el desarrollo en la investigación de estudiantes subgraduados/as, le dedica el XXVIII Simposio de Investigación en las Ciencias Sociales “La Contribución del/la Estudiante Subgraduado/a en la Investigación Social Aplicada”.

HOMENAJE ESPECIAL

Professor Mario Cano Sepúlveda
Departamento de Ciencias Sociales

Por su valiosa dedicación y contribución a la práctica y enseñanza de la historia, y por sus aportaciones a la investigación histórica, le dedicamos este homenaje especial al XXVIII Simposio de Investigación en las Ciencias Sociales “La Contribución del/la Estudiante Subgraduado/a en la Investigación Social Aplicada”.

PANEL 1: Ambiente y Sociedad
Hora: 8:45 am a 10:05 am
Moderadora: Paola Montes Guzmán

Universidad entre árboles: Nuevos enfoques sobre las dinámicas del Recinto Universitario de Mayagüez entre la comunidad estudiantil y sus residentes
Alberto Cruz Toro, Alexander L. Marrero Martínez y Aníbal M. Ruiz Brito (UPEI-Mayagüez)

Nuevos conocimientos sobre el cambio climático en el oriente de Mayagüez: las estructuras de la comunidad
Carlos J. Berrios Ramírez, Alexandra S. Enos Ramos y Graciela L. Rodríguez Jiménez (UPEI-Mayagüez)

PANEL 2: Investigaciones sobre Política Pública: Implicaciones para la Política Pública
Hora: 10:15 am a 11:00 am
Moderadora: Antonella González Rivera

Implicaciones de la Ley de Seguridad y Salud en Vida de las mujeres de 21 a 50 años en el área norte del Puerto Rico
Daniel Betancourt García y Melissa de Jesús (UPEI-Mayagüez)

Política Pública: Factores y Reducción en la Natalidad en Puerto Rico
Sofía M. Torres Martín y Aldona M. Lugo Ortiz (UPEI-Mayagüez)

Beneficios para la población universitaria de Mayagüez: Integramos el transporte público estudiantil hacia el Recinto Universitario
Ángel J. Colazo Feliciano (UPEI-Mayagüez)

Análisis de la política pública en entornos de su efecto en la política pública comunitaria
Armando J. Nazario Martínez (UPEI-Mayagüez)

PANEL 3: Presentación y Discurso de Docente
Hora: 11:35 am a 12:00 pm
Moderadora: Katherin Contreras Moñez Lorenzo

“Todavía Estamos Ahi”: Un Documental sobre Aula en la Montaña
Camilón J. Vargas Padilla, Jorge Santiago Fernández y Andrea C. Delgado Villarrubia (UPEI-Mayagüez)

RECINTO ALMUERZO
(12:00 pm a 1:00 pm)
The students of the Associations of the Departments of Social Sciences and Psychology of the Mayagüez Campus of the University of Puerto Rico dedicated a special tribute to
Professor Mario R. Cancel during the XXVIII Symposium on Research in the Social Sciences: The Contribution of the Undergraduate Student for Applied Social Research, held on May 4, 2023. He was honored for his valuable dedication and contribution to the practice and teaching of History, and for his contributions to historical research.

The students of the Associations of the Departments of Social Sciences and Psychology of the Mayagüez Campus of the University of Puerto Rico dedicated the XXVIII Symposium of Research in the Social Sciences: The Contribution of the Undergraduate Student to Applied Social Research to Dr. Gustavo Cortina Rodríguez for his commitment to the training of undergraduate students in research and service. The symposium was held on Thursday, May 4, 2023.

J. Internacional activity

Provide a summary of activities and initiatives with an international component:

a) Number of international students in the department/faculty
b) Number of international faculty in department/faculty

c) Publications with international co-authors

d) Projects and initiatives with international collaboration

e) Collaborations resulting in internships or exchanges in other countries

f) Participation in international conferences, symposiums, forums, or seminars

g) Study trips to other countries organized by the department/faculty

h) Courses with international collaborators.