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EDUCATION

Interamerican University of Puerto Rico, Cupey Campus, San Juan, PR
PhD, *Magna Cum Laude*, in Counseling, October 2016. GPA: 3.81

Interamerican University of Puerto Rico, Arecibo Campus, Arecibo, PR
MEd, *Cum Laude*, in Orientation and Counseling, May 2001. GPA: 3.70

University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, San Juan, PR
BA, *Cum Laude*, Political Science, May 1996. GPA: 3.65

EXPERIENCE

University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus, Mayagüez, PR

Interim Dean of Student Affairs

Agosto 2025 – Present

- Provides strategic leadership for all student affairs functions, overseeing programs and services that foster student development, engagement, and well-being. Represents the division in institutional decision-making bodies and directs initiatives aligned with the university's mission and student success.

University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus, Mayagüez, PR

Associate Dean of Student Affairs

Agosto 2024 – July 2025

- Responsible for overseeing and coordinating student service areas related to student well-being, including mental health initiatives, exchange programs, academic support, and social/cultural activities. Serves on institutional decision-making bodies and leads intervention strategies focused on the holistic development of students.

University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus, Mayagüez, PR

Interim Director, Department of Counseling and Psychological Services

January 2021 – July 2024

- Directed the multidisciplinary team responsible for providing psychological, academic, and vocational counseling services. Implemented prevention and intervention initiatives, promoting equitable access to mental health services on campus.

University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus, Mayagüez, PR

Associate Director, Department of Counseling and Psychological Services

August 2020 – January 2021

- Provide individual and group counseling services in academic, vocational, and psychological areas. Actively participates in prevention activities, crisis management, educational workshops, talks, and institutional campaigns.

University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus, Mayagüez, PR

Professional Counselor

August 2016 – Present

- Provide individual and group counseling services in academic, vocational, and psychological areas. Actively participates in prevention activities, crisis management, educational workshops, talks, and institutional campaigns.

University of Puerto Rico in Utuado, Utuado, PR

Student Ombudsperson

August 2013 – Julio 2016

- Handled and channeled student complaints, promoted equity in institutional processes, and ensured compliance with student rights.

University of Puerto Rico in Utuado, Utuado, PR

Profesional Counselor

August 2009 – Julio 2010 & August 2011 – June 2014

- Offered academic and emotional guidance to the student population.

TEACHING

- UNIV 3005 – Adaptation to University Life (2021–2025)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Course: *Teletherapy for the Control of Fear, Anxiety, Depression, and Emotion Management* – 2024
- *Cultural Sensitivity and Competence in Psychological Services for the LGBTQIA Population* – 2024
- *The Professional Counselor Facing Social Inequality* – 2024
- *Rethinking Counseling for Social Justice* – 2023

- *Fundamental Aspects of Trauma* – 2023
- *Government Contracting* – 2023
- *Diagnostic Manual DSM-5-TR* – 2021, 2022
- *Clinical Supervision* – 2022
- *Anti-Bullying Protocol* – 2022
- *Telehealth & HIPAA* – 2022
- *Communicable Respiratory Diseases* – 2022
- *Infection Control and Prevention* – 2021
- *Student Experiences and Learning* – 2021
- *First-Year Experience Conference, Washington D.C.* – 2020

PRESENTATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- *In Orientation You Don't Lose Your Grant* – 2025
- *Panel Discussion: Challenges and Opportunities Toward an Inclusive University* – 2024
- *Summer Camp: Explore Your Vocation* – 2024
- *Denim Day* – 2024
- *Lecture: The Empty Nest* – 2023
- *Managing Crises* – 2023
- *Homesickness First Aid* – 2023
- *The Art of Self-Care* – 2023
- *Procrastination* – 2023
- *Academic Progress Standards* – 2023
- *On Fire, Be Careful of Burnout* – 2022
- *Orientation Week* – 2022
- *Teaching Resources in Crisis* – 2022
- *Academic Integrity* – 2021
- *LGBTQI Support: Make Things Happen* – 2020

COMMITTEES AND INSTITUTIONAL PARTICIPATION

- *Academic Senate and its committees*
- *Personnel, Planning, Assessment and Academic Affairs Committee (Department)* – 2021–2024
- *Law and Regulations Committee (Faculty)* – 2020–2022
- *Institutional Committee on Lack of Academic Progress – Coordinator* (2021–2024)
- *ERRSS Committee* – 2022
- *University Coexistence Committee* – 2025

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

- *Advisor on Conflict and Mediation to the Chancellor – 2022–2023*

EXTERNAL CONSULTING SERVICES

- *Professional Counseling Consultant, Universidad Internacional Iberoamericana – 2018–2023*

PUBLIC SERVICE WORK

- *Coloring Your Christmas with the DCSP – San Antonio Hospital – 2022*