

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Ph. D., Political Science, The University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 1998

M. A., Political Science, The University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 1991.

B. A., Magna Cum Laude, Political Science, University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez, 1987.

Current Position

Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (2024-)

Past Positions

Dean, College of Liberal Arts, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (2015-2024)

Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, The University of Texas-Pan American (2011-2015)

Professor, Department of Political Science, The University of Texas-Pan American

Associate Director, Center for Applied Social Research, University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez (2010-2011).

Professor, Department of Social Sciences, University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez (2009-2011)

Researcher, Center for Applied Social Research, University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez Visiting

Professor, University of Delaware Disaster Research Center, 2007- 2010 (summers).

Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences, University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez (2004-2009)

Acting Director, Center for Applied Social Research, University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez, 2003-2005

Interim Chairperson, Department of Social Sciences, University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez. March, 2001 - 2003

Director, Center for Applied Social Research, University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez. 1998-2001

Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez. 1998-2001

Instructor, Department of Social Sciences, University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez. 1991-1997

Research Interests

Social dimensions of disasters
Research Methodology
Access and Success in Higher Education
Political Participation (Electoral and Non-electoral)

Publications

Donner, W., Rodríguez, H., Brotzke, J. and Díaz, W. (2022). *Severe Weather Warnings: An Interdisciplinary Approach*. Springer.

Donner, W., Diaz, W. (2018). *Methodological Issues in Disaster Research*. Handbook of Disaster Research - 2nd Edition. Springer.

Donner, W., H. Rodriguez, and W. Díaz. 2012. "Tornado Warnings in Three Southern States: A Qualitative Analysis of Public Response Patterns." *Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management*. 9: 1-19.

Wasileski, G., Rodríguez, H. and Díaz, W. 2010. "Business closure and relocation: a comparative analysis of the Loma Prieta earthquake and Hurricane Andrew." *Disasters*, no. doi: 10.1111/j.1467-7717.2010.01195.x

Rodriguez, Havidan, William Donner, Walter Díaz, and Jennifer Santos-Hernandez (2010) Emergency managers, allocation of radar resources, and policy implications: The intersection of weather hazards, population, and technology. *Journal of Emergency Management*. March/April 2010; pages 35-44

League, C. E., Díaz, W., Philips, B., Bass, E. J., Kloesel, K., Grunfest, E. and Gessner, A. (2010), Emergency manager decision-making and tornado warning communication. *Meteorological Applications*, 17: 163–172. doi: 10.1002/met.201

Santos, J., Rodríguez, H and Díaz, W. 2010. “Development and Social Vulnerability to Disasters: Population Composition and Geographic Distribution in the Coastal Regions of Puerto Rico.” In Rivera, J. (ed.) *Minority Resilience and the Legacy of Disaster*. Edwin Mellen Press.

Bass, E.J., Baumgart, L.A., Philips, B., Kloesel, K., Dougherty, K., Rodríguez, H., Díaz, W., Donner, W., Santos, J., & Zink, M. (2009). Incorporating emergency management needs in the development of weather radar networks. *Journal of Emergency Management*, 7(1), 45-52.

Díaz, W. and Núñez, M. 2009. “Social and behavioral barriers to the utilization of e-government initiatives in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico”. *Revista de la Escuela de Administración Pública de la Universidad de Puerto Rico*. Vol 39, num. 2, pp. 115-135. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

B. Philips, R. Krzysztofowicz, W. Donner, E. Bass, D. Pepyne, H. Rodriguez, W. Díaz, and K. A. Kloesel. “Designing an end-to-end decision model for CASA networks, Symposium on Linkages among Societal Benefits, Prediction Systems and Process Studies for 1–14-day Weather Forecasts”. 88th American Meteorology Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 24, 2008.

Philips, B., Bass, E., Brotzge J., Chandresakar, V., Díaz, W., Kloesel, K., McLaughlin, D., Pepyne, D., Rodriguez, H., Westbrook, D., Zink, M. 2007. “Users, Impacts, and Radar Networks: The CASA Experience in Designing an End-to-End System.” Conference proceedings, invited speaker, International Symposium on X-band Weather Radar Networks, National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention, Tskuba, Japan, October 5, 2007

Díaz, W., Rodríguez, H., Mercado, A., and Santos, J. 2007 “*Exposición y Vulnerabilidad a las Marejadas Ciclónicas en Puerto Rico (Parte I)*”. *Marejada*. Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 14-16.

Rodríguez, H., Díaz W., Santos J. and Aguirre, B. 2006. “Communicating Risk and Uncertainty: Science, Technology, and Disasters at the Crossroads.” In Rodriguez, H., Quarantelli, E.L., and Dynes, R. (Eds.). *Handbook of Disaster Research*. New York: Springer. With Havidán Rodríguez.

Díaz, W. “*La investigación social aplicada desde una perspectiva política*.” 2002. In Ruíz, S. (Ed.). *Temas en Ciencias Sociales*. Mayagüez, PR: Oficina de Publicaciones, UPRM.

Albarrán, R. and Díaz, W. 1999. "Party Campaign Finances in Puerto Rico, 1980-1992". In Anderson, John W., ed. *Política Electoral en Puerto Rico*. Spain: Editorial Plaza Mayor.

Selected Presentations

Díaz, W. "Peer to Peer: Towards a New Architecture of Relationships in Pre- and Post-Disaster Interventions – A bit more Pre for Less Post". Presented at the RISE Platform Conference. State University of New York at Albany, 11/19/2019

Díaz, W. "Coastal Hazards, Public Education and Risk Perception in Puerto Rico: Tsunamis and Hurricanes." Presented at the American Meteorological Society 94th Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. February 5th, 2014.

Díaz, W. "*Algunos modelos organizacionales y administrativos de universidades con múltiples recintos.*" Presented at the *Simposio de Reforma para la Universidad de Puerto Rico*. Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. January 31st, 2014.

Díaz, W., Edgar Gonzalez and Paul Sale. The Economic and Academic Impact of MOOCs. EDUCAUSE West/Southwest Regional Conference. Austin, TX. February 14th, 2013.

Díaz, W. "Social Dimensions of Natural Disaster Research" *Other Institutions of Higher Education (OIHE) Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) Symposium*. Edinburg, TX. February 20th, 2012.

Díaz, W., et al. "Vulnerability to Tsunamis: Patillas Tsunami Ready Initiative." Presented to public officials and community leaders in Patillas, PR. With Huérfano, V., and others. Aguadilla, PR. March 20th, 2011.

Díaz, Walter R. "Attempting to Avert Disaster: An Evaluation of the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program Efforts to Reduce Individual and Household Vulnerability to Tsunami Events in Puerto Rico." Presented at the 2011 Lozano Long Conference From Natural Events to Social Disasters in the Circum-Caribbean. Austin, TX. February, 24th, 2011

Díaz, W., et al. "Vulnerability to Tsunamis: Peñuelas Tsunami Ready Initiative." Presented to public officials and community leaders in Aguadilla, PR. With Huérfano, V., and others. Peñuelas, PR. February 16th, 2011

Díaz, Walter. "Class Biases in Access to Higher Education in Puerto Rico." Presented at the 9th Biennial Meeting of the Puerto Rican Studies Association. Hartford, Conn. October 22, 2010.

Díaz, W. and Von Hillebrandt, C. "Puerto Rico Tsunami Warning and Mitigation Program-LANTEX 09 Survey." Presented at the 2010 National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program 2010 Tsunami Summit. Mayagüez, PR. May 10-14, 2010.

Díaz, W. and Von Hillebrandt, C. "Puerto Rico Tsunami Warning and Mitigation Program-LANTEX 09 Survey." Presented at the 2009 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting. San Francisco, CA, December, 18th, 2009.

Díaz, W., et al. "Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere: End User and Social Integration." Presented at the 2009 American Meteorological Association Summer Community Meeting. Norman, OK, August 11th, 2009.

Díaz, W. Rodríguez, H., Mercado A. and Santos, J. "Vulnerability and exposure to flooding in Puerto Rico." Presented at the Puerto Rico State Emergency Management Agency Annual Conference. San Juan, PR. June 4th, 2009.

Díaz, W., et al. "Vulnerability to Tsunamis: Aguadilla Tsunami Ready Initiative." Presented to public officials and community leaders in Aguadilla, PR. With Von Hillebrandt C., and others. Aguadilla, PR.. May 5th, 2009

Rodríguez, H., Santos, J and Díaz, W. "Societal Impacts of Weather Hazards: Understanding Public Response to Tornado Events." With H. Rodríguez y J. Santos. 89th American Meteorological Society Meeting. Phoenix, Arizona, January 13th, 2009.

Díaz, W., et al. "Vulnerability to Tsunamis: Dorado Tsunami Ready Initiative." Presented to public officials and community leaders in Dorado, PR. Dorado, PR.. October 8th, 2009.

Díaz, W. "Vulnerability to Flooding and Gentrification along Puerto Rico's Coasts". 8th Puerto Rican Studies Association Conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico. March 10th, 2008

Díaz, W. "The Geography of Inequality in Access to Higher Education in Puerto Rico". 8th Puerto Rican Studies Association Conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico. March 10th, 2008

Philipps, B., et al "Integrating End User Needs Into System Design and operation: The Center for Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere." Paper presented at the 87th Annual Meeting of the American Meteorological Society. San Antonio, TX. January 16th, 2007

Díaz, W. and Schmidt, J. "Elections as markets: Campaign Financing in Puerto Rico, 1984-2000. Presented at the 20th Chilean Political Science Association Conference. Santiago de Chile, 11/17/2006.

Díaz, W., Rodríguez, H., Santos, J. and Mercado A. "Population Composition, Geographic Distribution, and Natural Hazards: Vulnerability in the Coastal Regions of Puerto Rico II." Presented at the 2nd Annual Symposium for Coastal and Marine Applied Research, University of Puerto Rico Sea Grant College Program. Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. October 5, 2006.

Díaz, W. "Exposure to coastal flooding and vulnerability in Puerto Rico." Presented at the Puerto Rico Research Administrator Conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico. September 1st, 2005.
Díaz, W. and Núñez, M. "Social/Technical Considerations for the Implementation of E-Government Initiatives in Puerto Rico". Presented at the Puerto Rico's Internet Status 2005 Conference sponsored by the Puerto Rico Association of Marketing and Sales Executives. San Juan, PR. May 17th, 2005. With Mario Núñez.

Rodríguez, H. and Díaz, W. "Population Composition, Geographic Distribution, and Natural Hazards: Vulnerability in the Coastal Regions of Puerto Rico." Presented at the Puerto Rico State Emergency Management Agency Annual Conference. San Juan, PR. May 5th, 2005.

Rodríguez, H., Díaz W and Santos, J. "Technological Innovations, Disaster Management, and End-User Needs: Challenges and Opportunities for Emergency Managers and Practitioners." Presented at the National Disaster Medical System 2005 Annual Conference. Orlando, Florida. May 4th, 2005.

Díaz, W. and Núñez, M. "Social/Technical Considerations for the Implementation of E-Government Initiatives in Puerto Rico". Presented at the Second E-Government Conference. Mayagüez, PR. April 25th, 2005.

Díaz, W., Donner, W. and Marks, D. "Oklahoma End Users: Technical Needs and Perceptions." ERC-CASA First Annual Research Retreat. Estes Park, Colorado. October 4th, 2004.

"Sample Development for Institutional Research" Presented for the Professional Enrichment Center of the UPRM. May 12 2004 and November 3rd, 2005.

Díaz, W. and Núñez, M. Multidisciplinary Research and Education in E-Government as means towards effective technology transfer to Puerto Rican Municipalities: Social Dimensions and Consequences of E-Government Initiatives. Presented at the 1st E-Government Conference. UPRM. May 7, 2004.

Díaz, W. "Applied Sampling." Presented as part of the Faculty Research Skill Development Program at the Public Health College of the UPR Medical Science Campus. March 17th, 2004.

Díaz, W. Panel moderator: "The Role of Research Centers in Training Researchers: Transforming the Field of Disaster Research, Disaster Research and the Social Sciences: Lessons

Learned and Future Trajectories.” Disaster Research Center 40th Anniversary Conference. Newark, Delaware. May 1st, 2004.

Rodríguez, H., Díaz W. and Gutiérrez, J. “Behavioral Hurricane Evacuation Study”. Presented at the Islands Task Force Workshop held in St. Thomas, USVI. Workshop funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, December 12, 1999.

Workshop, “Taking Research Beyond the Curriculum: Institutionalizing Structures to Support Student Research.” Presented with Alfonso Latoni at the 1999 American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Chicago, August 10-16.

Rodríguez, H. and Díaz, W. Workshop, “Enhancing the Undergraduate Curriculum: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Research Training and Mentoring”. Presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 21-25.

Díaz, W. and Cámara, L. “Dividing the Ballot, Dividing the Vote: Split Ticket Voting in the 1996 Puerto Rican General Election.” Paper presented at the 1998 Caribbean Studies Association Conference, May 26-30, Antigua.

Díaz, W. and Cámara, L. “The Party Goes On: A Multivariate Analysis of the Factors Influencing the gubernatorial vote decision of the Puerto Rican Electorate in the 1996 General Elections.” Paper presented at the 1997 Caribbean Studies Association Conference in Barranquilla, Colombia, May 25-30, 1997.

Díaz, W. and Albarrán “Party Campaign Finances in Puerto Rico, 1980-1992”. Presented at the 1996 Caribbean Studies Association Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In Progress Research

Donner, W; Brotze, J; Rodríguez, H. and Díaz W. "Interdisciplinary Warnings for Researchers, Public Policymakers, and Practitioners" (On-Going). Under Contract through Springer.

Research Experience

Principal Investigator, "University of Texas-Pan American Behavioral Neuroscience Building Infrastructure Enhancement. " (2013). Submitted: National Institutes of Mental Health (\$190,000). Not funded.

Researcher in charge, “Puerto Rico Highly Migratory Species Permit Holder Survey.” (2011). UPRM-Sea Grant Program/National Marine Fisheries Service (\$70,000).

Researcher in charge, “Post LANTEX Exercise Survey.” (2011). Puerto Rico Seismic Network/National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program (\$35,000).

Principal Investigator, “Perceptions about coastal risk and climate change along Puerto Rico’s West Coast”. (2009). Funded by the Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources (\$50,000).

Researcher, UPRM “Access to Success through University Education”. (2009-). A research effort designed to reduce class biases in undergraduate admission and retention rates at the University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez. With Rima Brusi (PI) and others. Fundación Carvajal (\$500,000).

Principal Investigator, “Evacuation Behavior in Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands: A Social Science and Behavioral Analysis; STAGE II.” United States Army Corps of Engineers \$100,000. With Havidán Rodríguez. Approved (2008, but Congress did not include the funds in the USACE budget).

Co-Principal Investigator, “Communicating Hurricane Information: Perception, Knowledge and Risk among Minority and Majority Communities” National Science Foundation, submitted June 2007, \$400,000 (Declined). With Sue McNeil (PI, University of Delaware).

Principal Investigator, “Evacuation Behavior in Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands: A Social Science and Behavioral Analysis; STAGE I.” United States Army Corps of Engineers \$50,000. 2007-08. With Havidán Rodríguez.

Co-Principal Investigator, “Puerto Rico Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program, II.” Proposal funded by National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (\$125,000). With Christa von Hillebrandt (PI) and others.

Co-Principal Investigator, “Puerto Rico Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program.” . Funded by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (\$100,000). 2006-07. With Christa von Hillebrandt (PI) and others

Co-Principal Investigator, “Multidisciplinary Research and education in Digital Governments as a Catalyst for Effective Information Technology Transfer to Regional Governments”. Funded by the National Science Foundation (\$750,000). September 2003 – August 2006 with Bienvenido Vélez (PI) and others.

Researcher, “Center for Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere Engineering Research Center”. Funded by the National Science Foundation, (\$17,000,000). September 2003 – current; with David Mclaughlin, UMASS (PI) and others.

Co-Principal Investigator, “Graduate and Undergraduate Students Enhancing Science and Technology in K-12 Schools (II)”. Funded by the National Science Foundation (\$2,000,000). September 2004 – August 2006 with Juan López Garriga (PI) and others.

Co-Principal Investigator, “Population Composition, Geographic Distribution, and Natural Hazards: Vulnerability in the Coastal Regions of Puerto Rico”. Funded by the UPRM Sea Grant Program (\$121,351). September 2004 – August 2006 with Havidán Rodríguez (PI) and others.

Co-Principal Investigator, "Campaign Financing in Puerto Rico, 1984-2000". Programa de fondos de semilla Facultad de Artes y Ciencias (\$5,000). September 2004 – August 2006 with Jorge Schmidt (PI) and others.

Co-Principal Investigator, "Certification Program in Applied Social Science Research". Funded by the "Iniciativa de Renovación Académica", University of Puerto Rico, Office for Academic Affairs and Research. (\$25,000). October 2000 – September 2001; with Havidán Rodríguez (PI) and Janet Bonilla.

Principal Investigator, "Puerto Rico Census 2000 Assessment: Race/Ethnicity Component" (2000-2001). With María Mulero and Havidán Rodríguez. Series of focus groups exploring Puerto Ricans reactions to the Census 2000 race/ethnicity questions. Funded by Westat and the U.S. Bureau of the Census (\$79,334.00).

Principal Investigator, "Puerto Rico Census 2000 Assessment: Race/Ethnicity Component". Funded by Westat and the U.S. Bureau of the Census (\$79,334.00). With María Mulero and Havidán Rodríguez.

Co-Principal Investigator, "Certification Program in Applied Social Research". Funded by *the Iniciativa para la Renovación Académica* program of the Office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Research of the University of Puerto Rico (\$25,000.00). With Havidán Rodríguez (PI) and Janet Bonilla.

Principal Investigator, "Creating Infrastructure for Social Science Research in Puerto Rico: Viability of Telephone Sampling in Puerto Rico" (1999-2000). Funded by the University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez Faculty of Arts and Sciences Seed Money Program (\$4,113.00). With Janet Bonilla.

Provided the sampling frame for the project "Puerto Rico Genetic Pool" (1999-2000). Juan C. Martínez-Cruzado (PI). Funded by the National Science Foundation.

Co-Principal Investigator, "Thoughts and Feelings Related to Depression: Comparing Youths with Their Families" (1999-2000). With Janet Bonilla (PI). Funded by the University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez Faculty of Arts and Sciences Seed Money Program (\$5,000.00).

Co-Principal Investigator, "Medical Ethics in a Cross-Cultural Context" (2000). Funded by the University of Puerto Rico. With Elena Lugo (PI).

Co-Principal Investigator, "Public Response to Hurricanes in the North Coast of Puerto Rico: A Behavioral Analysis" (1999-2000). Funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Planning Division, Jacksonville District (\$59,405.00). With Havidán Rodríguez (PI) and Jaime Gutiérrez.

Principal Investigator, "National Identity and and Status Choice, Phase I: Instrumentation and Infrastructure." (1999-2000). Project's main goal is to build a national sampling frame for Puerto Rico. Funded by the National Science Foundation and the University of Puerto Rico (\$52,113.00). With Luis Cámara, Angel Israel Benítez, Havidán Rodríguez and María Mulero.

Principal Investigator, "Creating Infrastructure for Social Science Research in Puerto Rico: Creation of a National Sampling Frame for Puerto Rico" (1998). Funded by the University of Puerto Rico Center for Research and Development (\$5,000.00). With Havidán Rodríguez.

Choice and Political Participation (1998). Ph. D. Dissertation. University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

Co-Principal Investigator, "Customer Study" (1997). Funded by the Puerto Rico Conservation Trust. With Manuel Valdés Pizzini (PI).

Principal Investigator, "Campaign Finances in Puerto Rico, 1984-1992" (1997) With Rafael Albarrán.

Principal Investigator, "*Fango, escopetazos y macarenas, ¿qué queda cuando se acaba el mambo?: Un acercamiento experimental al efecto de los anuncios políticos de ataque*" (1996). Experimental approach to determine the effects of negative political campaign advertisements on non-electoral political participation. UPR Research funding.

Co-Principal Investigator "Electoral Exit Poll"(1996). An exit poll utilizing a PPS sampling scheme in the municipalities of San Juan and Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. With Luis Cámara.

Teaching Experience

Professor, University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez, July 2008 to August 2011: Weather Radar Network Topics (INEL 5995, co-teach), Computer Applications in Political Science Research (CIPO 4991, co-teach), Political Science Seminar (CIPO 4155), Quantitative Research Methods in Political Science (CIPO 4145), American Government and Politics (CIPO 3125), Public Opinion (CIPO 4025), Independent Study in Political Science I and II (CIPO 4991 and CIPO 4992) and Introduction to Social Sciences (CISO 3121 and CISO 3122)

1997 "Practical Regression." One day workshop for the research assistants at the Center for Applied Social Research, Department of Social Sciences, University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez.

1992. "Introduction to SPSS" One day workshop for the faculty of the Department of Social Sciences at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez.

Instructor and Assistant Professor, University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez, August 1991 to April, 1998; May, 1998 to June, 2001: Computing in the Social Sciences (CIPO 4046), Political Science Seminar (CIPO 4155), Quantitative Research Methods in Political Science (CIPO 4145), American Government and Politics (CIPO 3125), Public Opinion (CIPO 4025), Independent Study in Political Science I and II (CIPO 4991 and CIPO 4992) and Introduction to Social Sciences (CISO 3121 and CISO 3122).

Teaching/Research Assistant, 1991 Detroit Area Study field season (Sociology 511), Professor Howard Schuman, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan. Supervised graduate student interviewers and assisted the coordination of the 1991 Detroit Area Study field season.

Teaching Assistant, 1990 Detroit Area Study -Survey Data Analysis and Interpretation- (Sociology 513 / Natural Resources 501), Professors Paul Mohai and Bunyan Bryant, School of Natural Resources, University of Michigan.
Graded and critiqued students' papers, served as a computer, research methods, and statistics consultant and gave occasional lectures on the use of the Michigan computer system.

Teaching Assistant, "Latino Research Issues Seminar," Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research. Summers of 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1994. Professors John Garcia, University of Arizona (1988 and 1989), Jorge Chapa (1990 and 1991) and Ann Santiago (1994). Performed data management functions, served as a computer, research methods, and statistics consultant and gave an occasional lecture on the use of the Michigan computer system.

Computer Consultant, Inter University Consortium for Political and Social Research. Summers of 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1994 and 1995.

Honors and Awards

Political Science Student Association (2002).

Political Science Student Association (1999).

Sociology Student Union (1997 and 1999).

CIC Minority Graduate Fellow, 1987 to 1991.

University of Michigan Rackham Minority Merit Fellow 1990 to 1995.

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Minority Fellow, 1987 and 1988.

Public Service

Member, Board of Directors, Texas Humanities (2020-)

Collaborator of the US National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program (2008 - 2011).

Member of the Puerto Rico Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Committee (2008 - 2011)

Member of the Islands Hurricane Task Force, sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. (2000 – 2003).