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EDUCATION

2006 Ph. D. with a Major in History of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, Minors in History of the United States and History of Latin America. *Suma cum Laude* (GPA: 4.0), Center for Advanced Studies of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, San Juan, PR.

Doctoral thesis: “*An Option to the Populist Crisis: The Governorship of Robert Sánchez Vilella Through his Speeches and Messages, 1964-1968*”; published in 2007. It is an exhaustive analysis of the controversial first technocratic governorship after 30 years of populist government in Puerto Rico.

Thesis Director: Dr. Samuel Silva-Gotay, Emeritus Professor, University of Puerto Rico

2000 M. A. in Puerto Rican and Caribbean Studies, *Suma cum Laude* (GPA: 4.0), Center for Advanced Studies of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, San Juan, PR.

Master’s thesis: “*The Judas’ Ridings in Isabela*”; documentation and comparative, historical and social analysis of a popular festival associated with Holy Week and common to Spain and several Latin American countries.

Thesis Director: Dr. Rafael López-Valdés

1988 M. A. in Social Work, 9 credits approved, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras. GPA: 4.0.

1987 B. A. in Social Work and 32 credits in Science, *Magna cum Laude* (GPA: 3.95) and Academic Excellence Award, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019-Actual Instructor, UNI 3, Montevideo, Uruguay
Courses developed: Teaching online courses on World War II and U.S. History for this 40-years-old ONG which educates retired people who are at least 60-years-old.

2011-2016 Full-time Associate Professor, Northern Essex Community College, MA, USA
Courses developed: Western Civilization I and II, World Civilization I and II, American History I and II, Learning Community: Comparing Civilizations I and II

(a combination of World Civilization and World Literature), Contemporary Hispanic Caribbean, and World War II.

Experience teaching both in the classroom and online with ample use of technology in the classroom and application of different instructional methods in order to adapt to diverse student needs. I wrote and provided for free all class materials and developed a variety of assessment tools for all my courses.

As a member of NECC's Speakers Bureau, I regularly offered presentations to the community on themes including: *Understanding India, Land of Contrasts/ Islam: Basic Concepts/ Understanding Hispanic and Caribbean Cultures/ The Cuban Embargo/ and The History of US Immigration Policies*. I also regularly offered courses for NECC's College of Old Learners on themes like *The Hispanic Caribbean, The Arab World, Islam, Cuba*, etc.

I was a permanent member of NECC's General Scholarship Selection Committee and a regular participant of the One-Geographic Region Initiative. I collaborated in NECC's Assessment of writing and critical thinking skills. Every semester I was advisor for at least 18 students.

2010-2011 Adjunct Professor, Vincennes University, Indiana
Military Education Afloat Program
Temporary assignment to teach American History I and II and World Civilization I and II on the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *USCG Bertholf* while on patrol in an intensive but flexible fashion. My experience was recorded by *Discovery Channel* in their *Mighty Ships*' Series.

I applied different instructional methods in order to adapt to diverse student needs. I also wrote and provided for free all class materials and developed a variety of assessment tools for all my courses.

2004-2009 Adjunct Professor, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Carolina and Arecibo Campuses
Courses developed: History of the United States I and II, History of the Occidental Civilization/ Classic Period, History of the Occidental Civilization/ Medieval Period, History of the Occidental Civilization/ Modern Period, History of the Occidental Civilization/ Contemporary Period, Social Sciences I and II, and Contemporary Caribbean History.

Experience teaching with ample use of technology in the classroom and application of different instructional methods in order to adapt to diverse student needs. I wrote and provided for free all class materials and developed a variety of assessment tools for all my courses.

2001-2009 Adjunct Professor, Interamerican University of Puerto Rico, Metropolitan, Arecibo and Aguadilla Campuses.
Courses developed: Historical Process of Puerto Rico, Historical Process of the United States, Occidental Civilization/ Ancient and Medieval, Occidental Civilization/ Modern and Contemporary, Global Society. Experience teaching courses in classrooms, hybrid and online.

Experience teaching with ample use of technology in the classroom and application of different instructional methods in order to adapt to diverse student needs. I wrote and provided for free all class materials and developed a variety of assessment tools for all my courses.

ACCREDITED CONTINUED EDUCATION

- 2017 Participant at the workshop *Re-diagramming the World: A Brief History of Graphic Design*, dictated by Dr. Riccardo Boglione, November 14 – 28 (6 hours of continued education), Spain’s Cultural Center in Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 2017 Participant at the workshop *Introduction to Uruguayan Philosophic Thinking* dictated by Dr. Horacio Bernardo, July 5 – 26 (8 hours of continued education), Spain’s Cultural Center in Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 2016 Attended the Webinar: *Exploring Crimes of War Through the Nanjing Atrocities* by Facing History and Ourselves, April 11-15. (8 hours of continued education).
- 2015 Fellow of the *Korea Academy for Educators (KAFE)* in LA, California– July 12-19 (40 hours of continued education)
- 2014 Attended the Webinar: *A Convenient Hate: A Workshop Exploring the History of Anti-Semitism* by Facing History and Ourselves, Sept. 12-19. (8 hours of continued education).
- 2014 Fellow of Dar al Islam Teacher’s Institute in Abiquiu, New Mexico – Jul. 30-Aug. 10 (42 hours of continued education).
- 2014 Fellow at the Arthur and Rochelle Belfer Conference for Teachers: *Social Studies at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum* – July 16-18 (24 hours of continued education).
- 2013 Fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities’ Summer Institute: *“India’s Past and the Making of the Future”* in Delhi, Agra and Varanasi, India – July 1-26 (100 hours of continued education).
- 2009 Attended the course *“Basic Conversational French”*, Continued Education and Professional Studies Program, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, June 1-30 (45 hours of continued education).
- 2009 Attended the Seminar *“Promoting an Integrity Culture in Research”*, Deanship of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, March 30- April 3 (18 hours of continued education).
- 2006 Attended the 2nd Winter Institute of Harvard University and the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies - *“Health and Immigration in US and the Caribbean”*, January 9-27 (18 hours of continued education).

- 2006 Attended the graduate course “*Debates about Cold War-1990*”, Graduate School, Faculty of Humanities, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, January 18 – May 10 (45 hours of continued education) Grade: 4.00.
- 2006 Attended the Seminar “*Contemporary Latin American Thought and its Connections with the African and the Asian*” dictated by Dr. Eduardo Devés Valdés, General Studies Department, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, August 14 – December 15, (45 hours of continued education)
- 2005 Attended the 1st Winter Institute of Harvard University and the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies - “*Popular Culture, Religiosity and the Latino Imaginary: Variations and Continuities*”, January 17-21 (18 hours of continued education).
- 2005 Attended the Symposium “*University and Civil Society: Nowadays students and their civil conscience*”, Continued Education Program, Interamerican University of Puerto Rico, Arecibo Campus, April 6 (6 hours of continued education).
- 2003 Attended the History Symposium “*Research in the Teaching about Puerto Rican History in the 21st century*”, Department of Humanities, Liberal Arts Faculty, Interamerican University of Puerto Rico, Metropolitan Campus, October 8 (6 hours of continued education).
- 2002 Attended the course “*People Empowering People*”, Cooperative Extension Program, University of Maryland, September 18-19, (18 hours of continued education).

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- 2023 Guest speaker at the podcast “Archipiélago Histórico” (“Historic Archipelago”) (<https://www.youtube.com/@archipelagohistorico>) to discuss the theme *U-Boats in the Caribbean*, August 3.
- 2023 Guest speaker at radio program “Voz Alternativa” (“Alternative Voice”) of Radio Isla 1320AM in San Juan, Puerto Rico to discuss the theme *CELAC: New Dimensions of Integration and Regional Democracy for Latin America and the Caribbean*, January 21.
- 2022 Presenter on “*Us According to Them: What the Colonized Can Learn from the Colonizers’ Writings*” at the 45th Annual Conference of the Society for Caribbean Studies, July 5 - 9.
- 2021 Presenter on “*The German Blockade of the Caribbean in 1942 and Its Effects on the Population*” and attendant at the III International Symposium on the History of War, International Relations and Conflict at Universidad of Santiago de Chile, November 29 - December 1st.

- 2021 Guest speaker at radio program “Voz Alternativa” (“Alternative Voice”) of Radio Isla 1320AM in San Juan, Puerto Rico to discuss the theme *The End of the American Dream: Inequality, Racial Discrimination and Violence*, March 21.
- 2019 Guest speaker at radio program “Voz Alternativa” (“Alternative Voice”) of Radio Isla 1320AM in San Juan, Puerto Rico to discuss the theme “*How to Approach the Study the Complexities of War and Conflicts*” as part of the series *Venezuela: From Undercover Economic Destabilization to Generalized Intervention*, February 17.
- 2018 Presenter of “*The German Blockade of the Caribbean in 1942 and Its Effects on the Population*” and attendant at the 1st Encounter of Researchers of the History of War and Conflicts organized by the Faculty of Humanities, University of Valparaíso, Chile, September 5-6.
- 2017 Presenter of “*India is More Than What You Think: An Informal Way to Approach India*” at the 2nd Conference of Teaching Update on Research and Teaching of Recent History “The role of China, Southeast Asia and India in nowadays world” at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of the Republic of Uruguay, November 4.
- 2017 Presenter of “*The Right-Wing Governments in the Caribbean during World War II*” at the Conference on Americas’ History and Culture “Interwoven histories: the Americas and the World in the XVIII, XIX and XX centuries” at University of Montevideo, Uruguay, July 27-28.
- 2017 Presenter of “*Nazi Propaganda*” for the Contemporary History course of Dr. Carolina Cerrano at University of Montevideo, Uruguay, May 4.
- 2016 Interviewed about “*Cuba Today*” for Cable TV program “The Current Buzz with Dean Contover” in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, December 15.
- 2016 Presenter of “*Introduction to Islam: Some Basic Concepts*” for the One Geographic Region Program of Northern Essex Community College, November 4.
- 2016 Presenter of the Seminar “*Cuba: A Door Opens*” for the College of Old Learners (CoOL) of Northern Essex Community College, Massachusetts, September 22 – October 13, 12 contact hours.
- 2016 Presenter of “*Surviving the German Blockade of the Caribbean during World War II*” at the Annual Conference of the Caribbean Historians Association in Havana, Cuba, June 5-9
- 2016 Presenter of “*World War II in the Pacific: A Matter of the Past?*” at the Graduate School of History, University of Havana, Cuba, June 6.
- 2016 Presenter of “*Hollywood Had It Wrong: The Experiences of an Immigrant in Haverhill*” at Nichols Village in Groveland, Massachusetts, EEUU, April 7.

- 2016 Interviewed by *The Eagle Tribune* of Boston, Massachusetts for the following articles:
"From Welder to Teacher" – May 2, regarding a student who got inspired to study education after taking 2 of my courses.
"Northern Essex Professor Presents Positive Viewpoint of Cuba" – August 2.
"Older Students Prove It's Never Too Late to Learn" – August 30.
"Castro's Death Brings Mixed Reactions" – November 27.
- 2015 Presenter, with Dr. Stephen Russell and Michael Franz of *"Iranian Family Laws"* for a panel of the One Geographic Region Program of Northern Essex Community College, Mass., November 6.
- 2015 Presenter, with Dr. Stephen Russell, of *"Contemporary Issues of the Middle East"* for the Middle East Seminar of the College of Old Learners (CoOL) of Northern Essex Community College, Mass., November 5.
- 2015 Presenter of *"India: It's More Than What You Think"* at the Women's Forum of Brooksby Village, Peabody, Massachusetts, September 24.
- 2015 Presenter of my book: *Imprisoned in the Caribbean: The 1942 German U-boat Blockade* at Quincy's Public Library, Quincy, Massachusetts, August 18.
- 2015 Interviewed about my book: *Imprisoned in the Caribbean*, for the TV program of the Quincy Library, Quincy, Massachusetts, June 30.
- 2015 Presenter of my book: *Imprisoned in the Caribbean: The 1942 German U-boat Blockade* at Haverhill's Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts, May 18.
- 2014 Presenter of *"The German Blockade of the Caribbean during World War II"* at the Annual Assembly of the Association of New England Historians, Massachusetts, April 18.
- 2015 Presenter of *"Contemporary India"* at The Center at the Heights in Needham, Massachusetts, April 12.
- 2015 Presenter of *"The Cuban Embargo"* for the Contemporary Affairs Club of Northern Essex Community College, April 8.
- 2014 Presenter of *"History of US Immigration Policies from a Personal View"* at The Center at the Heights in Needham, Massachusetts, December 5.
- 2014 Presenter of *"Understanding Hispanic and Caribbean Cultures"* at Brightview Senior Living in North Andover, Massachusetts, October 17.
- 2014 Attended the Annual Assembly of the Association of New England Historians in New Hampshire, October 14.
- 2014 Presenter of *"The Parsley Massacre in Haiti"* for the Contemporary Affairs Club of Northern Essex Community College, Massachusetts, October 1.

- 2014 Presenter at the New England Historical Association Spring Meeting – April 15. Theme: *Life in the Caribbean during the 1942 German Blockade*.
- 2014 Interviewed by *The Eagle Tribune* of Boston for the article “*Cardinal O’Malley Urges Dominicans to Change Citizenship Policy*”) published on January 16.
- 2013 Presenter of “*The JFK Assassination: What Really Happened*” at Northern Essex Community College transmitted live by Radio HAV, November 23.
- 2013 Presenter of “*History of US Immigration Policies from a Personal View*” at the Know Your Government Club of Peabody, Massachusetts, September 12.
- 2012 Attended the Annual Conference of Caribbean Historians held in Curacao, May 20-25
- 2012 Presenter of “*Puerto Rico and the United States: A 114 years relationship*” for the Contemporary Affairs Club of Northern Essex Community College, March 28.
- 2011 Attended the presentation “*With Hiroshima Eyes*” by Hiroshima atomic bomb survivor and artist Junko Kayashige at Northern Essex Community College, October 17.
- 2009 Attended the presentation “*The USA Constitution in Times of Crisis*” by Hon. Judge Juan R. Torruellas from the Boston Circuit of the Federal Court at Interamerican University of Puerto Rico, Metropolitan Campus.
- 2007 Member of panel about “*Buying Alaska from Russia*” in the TV Program *¿Y cómo fue? (How Did That Happened?)* in Chanel 6, TUTV, Puerto Rico, May 31.
- 2007 Presenter of “*The Nowadays Pertinence of the Ideas of Roberto Sánchez Vilella*” as part of the presentation of my book *Que el pueblo decida: La gobernación de Roberto Sánchez Vilella, 1964-68* at the Luis Muñoz Marín Foundation, Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico, February 28.
- 2007 Presenter of my book *Que el pueblo decida: La gobernación de Roberto Sánchez Vilella, 1964-68 (Let the People Decide: The Governorship of Roberto Sánchez Vilella, 1964-1968)* at the University of Puerto Rico’s Law School, Río Piedras Campus, February 16.
- 2007 Presenter of the Keynote Lecture “*The nowadays pertinence of the ideas of Roberto Sánchez Vilella*” at the Turabo University, Caguas, Puerto Rico, Feb., 8.
- 2006 Attended the 5th History Symposium “*Identity, Nation and Historiography of Puerto Rico in the 21st Century*”, at the Interamerican University, Metropolitan Campus, October 5.
- 2006 Attended the Keynote Lecture “*The Tasks of Intellectuals and University Students Facing the Stagnation of Latin America: Towards Networks and the ‘Knowledge International’*” by Dr. Eduardo Devés Valdés at the General Studies Faculty of the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, September 19.

- 2003 Attended the workshop “*The Option of Solidarity as an Alternative to the Current Church*” by Catholic priest Dr. José Comblin at the Evangelical Seminar of Puerto Rico, November 13.

OTHER SEMINARS AND ACTIVITIES

- 2019 Presenter at the presentation of the book *Movilidad Humana (Human Mobility)* by the Secretariat of Human Rights of Uruguay at the Executive Tower (Presidency) on August 9.
- 2015 Evaluator of scholarship applications for the Hispanic Scholarship Fund of the United States.
- 2015 Grant reviewer for the National Endowment for the Humanities – Humanities Initiatives for Community Colleges Program, Washington DC – Oct. 6.
- 2015 Attended the Community Colleges for International Development (CCID) Conference in California, February 20-23.
- 2014 Evaluator of the Digital Interactive Library MACAT, November 4 and 6.
- 2014 Attended the workshop “*Dealing with Emergency Situations, Troubled Students & Discipline*” offered by FBI officers at Northern Essex Community College, September 27.

PUBLICATIONS

- Books: *Us According to Them: Stateside Portrayals of Puerto Ricans and Their Culture, 1898-2010*, an analysis of 132 books written by Americans who at some point lived in or visited Puerto Rico, on how they interpreted Puerto Ricans from their own cultural colonizer’s perspective. In process of publication by University Press of Mississippi. (In English)
- Imprisoned in the Caribbean: The 1942 German U-boat Blockade*, Indiana: Iuniverse, 2014. (In English)
- Let the People Decide! The Administration of Roberto Sánchez Vilella, 1964-68*, San Juan: EMS Editores, 2007. (In Spanish)
- Chapters: “El bloqueo alemán del Caribe en 1942 y sus efectos en Puerto Rico” (“The German Blockade of the Caribbean and Its Effects on Puerto Rico”) in *Guerras irregulares en el Caribe (Irregular Wars in the Caribbean)*, México: Instituto Mora, 2019. (In Spanish)
- “The 1942 German Blockade of the Caribbean and its effects on Puerto Rico” in *Island at War: Puerto Rico in the Crucible of the Second World War*, University of Mississippi Press, 2015. (In English)

“El bloqueo alemán del Caribe en 1942 y sus efectos en Puerto Rico” (“The 1942 German Blockade of the Caribbean and its effects on Puerto Rico”) in *Puerto Rico en la Segunda Guerra Mundial: Baluarte del Caribe (Puerto Rico in the Second World War: Bulwark of the Caribbean)*, San Juan: Editorial Callejón, 2012. (In Spanish)

Encyclopedia
articles:

“El bloqueo nazi del Caribe en 1942: Efectos en Puerto Rico” (“The Nazi Blockade of the Caribbean in 1942: Effects on Puerto Rico”) available in the Encyclopedia of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rican Foundation for the Humanities: <https://enciclopediapr.org/content/el-bloqueo-nazi-del-caribe-en-1942-efectos-en-puerto-rico/>, May 23, 2021. (In Spanish)

“Excluidos de la “más perfecta unión”: Primeras representaciones imperialistas de autores estadounidenses sobre los puertorriqueños y su cultura, 1898-1910” (“Excluded from the “More Perfect Union”: Early Imperialist Representations by U.S. Authors of Puerto Ricans and their Culture, 1898-1910”). Submitted to be uploaded into the Encyclopedia of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rican Foundation for the Humanities on July, 2023. (In Spanish)

Magazines:

“*Brothers or Others? Building Opinions Regarding Latin American Migrants in Uruguay*”, research on how the Uruguayan newspapers discuss the Caribbean migrations to Uruguay, in collaboration with Maria Ahmad, M.A. in Communications and in Anthropology. October 2019. (In English)

“El bloqueo alemán del Caribe y sus efectos en las poblaciones caribeñas” (“The German Blockade of the Caribbean and Its Effects in the Caribbean Peoples”), Dossier: Historia de la Guerra y los Conflictos (History of War and Conflicts), in *Revista Bicentenario*, Chile, 2019. (In Spanish)

“Los inicios de la evangelización cristiana en América” (“The beginnings of the Christian Evangelization of the Americas”) (2002) in *Revista Juan Pablo II*, Puerto Rico, October 2002. (In Spanish)

Newspapers: Editor and writer for the monthly newspaper *Crónicas de Isabela (Isabela’s Chronicles)* (1994-95), 12 editions distributed in Isabela, Puerto Rico (In Spanish)

Pamphlets: *Cuentos Hispanos (Hispanic Stories)* (2002), a collaboration with the National Crime Prevention Council, Washington, DC, revising Hispanic stories for children about violence prevention themes. (In English)

Poder, jóvenes, acción: Cambia tu escenario (Power, Youth, Action: Change Your Scenario) (2002), written for the children’s theater project on crime and violence prevention themes, directed by PARI Corporation in a public housing project in Isabela, Puerto Rico. (In Spanish)

Integridad sexual para adolescentes (Sexual Integrity for Youth) (2002), written under the sponsorship of Johnson & Johnson of Puerto Rico in a same-named Project directed by PARI Corporation, Isabela, Puerto Rico. (In Spanish)

Isabela: Historia, Costumbres y Tradiciones (Isabela: History, Customs and Traditions) (1997) – editor and writer of the pamphlet. A total of 10,000 pamphlets were distributed for free among school students in Isabela, Puerto Rico with the sponsorship of Isabela’s Rotary Club. (In Spanish)

TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

Europe: Spain, France (2), England (2), Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy

Asia: India (1 month)

Latin America: Argentina (7), Brazil (2), Peru (2), Chile (5), Panama, Costa Rica and Uruguay, where I reside since 2017

Caribbean: Cuba (4), Dominican Republic (2), Curacao, Martinique, Barbados, Dominica, and US Virgin Islands.

SKILLS

Fully bilingual: English/ Spanish, and knowledge of French and Portuguese.

Excellent written and oral communication skills in English/Spanish.

Excellent computer skills and experience teaching online.

Experience using Blackboard and Banner, and willingness to learn new Learning Management Systems.

Experience teaching from an interdisciplinary perspective, in a diverse setting, and as part of an interdisciplinary team.

Proven ability to mentor, teach and relate positively with undergraduate and graduate students.

REFERENCES

Dr. Stephen Slaner, Northern Essex Community College’s Associate Professor of Political Sciences and Chair of Global Studies Department, 978-556-3528, sslaner@necc.mass.edu

Dr. Jorge Duany, Director of the Cuban Research Institute and Professor of Anthropology at Florida International University, 305-348-7274, jduany@gmail.com, jduany@fiu.edu

Prof. Barbara Stachniewicz, Northern Essex Community College Professor – Literature, English Department, 978-270-0779, bstachniewicz@necc.mass.edu

Dr. Stephen Russell, Northern Essex Community College Professor – History, Global Studies Department, 978-302-9879, srussell@necc.mass.edu