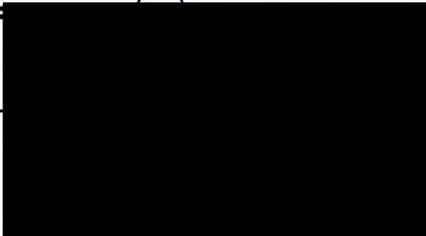


**Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"  
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

<b>1. Your Name:</b> Lyvia N. Rodríguez-Del Valle		
<b>2. Your Title:</b> Executive Director		
<b>3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing:</b> Corporacion del Proyecto ENLACE del Caño Martin Peña		
<b>4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?</b>	<b>Yes</b> x	<b>No</b>
<b>5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2015. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.</b>  See attached.		
<b>6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.</b>  See attached.		

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 11/11/2017



**LIST OF FEDERAL GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND SUBGRANTE/SUB-CONTRACTS USING FEDERAL FUNDS AWARDED TO THE ORGANIZATION OR IN EFFECT DURING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 UNTIL NOVEMBER 13, 2017**

	DATE	NUMBER	AMOUNTS(\$)	AWARDED TO	AWARDING AGENCY
<b>FEDERAL GRANT, CONTRACT, SUBGRANT/SUBCONTRACT</b>					
AMERICORPS VISTA	2015 – 2016	15VS172166	\$25,000 federal funds for supervision and transportation + member support for 17 full-time VISTA members	ENLACE Corporation	CNCS
	2016 – 2017	16VS183553	\$25,000 federal funds for supervision and transportation + member support for 17 full-time VISTA members	ENLACE Corporation	CNCS
	2017 – 2018	17VS193629	\$25,000 federal funds for supervision and transportation + member support for 4 Summer associates and 17 full-time VISTA members	ENLACE Corporation	CNCS
AMERICORPS STATE	2015 – 2016 2016 – 2017 2017 – 2018	15AC172168 16AC183554 17AC193472	\$81,981.00 \$82,379.00 \$82,979.00	Government of PR - PR Commission on Volunteerism & Community Service	CNCS
URBAN WATERS SMALL GRANTS 1	August 2012 – August 2015	UW-96299612-02	\$60,000.00	ENLACE Corporation	EPA
URBAN WATERS SMALL GRANTS 2	July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015	UW-96283801	\$59,999.00	ENLACE Corporation	EPA
BROWNFIELDS-HAZARDOUS	October 2014 – September 2017	BF-96282814-0	\$200,000.00	ENLACE Corporation	EPA

	DATE	NUMBER	AMOUNTS(\$)	AWARDED TO	AWARDING AGENCY
BROWNFIELDS - HAZARDOUS EXTENSION	October 2014 – September 30, 2018	BF-96282814-1	\$0.00	ENLACE Corporation	EPA
BROWNFIELDS - PETROLEUM	October 2014 – September 2017	BF-96280814-0	\$188,000.00	ENLACE Corporation	EPA
BROWNFIELDS - PETROLEUM EXTENSION	October 2014 – September 30, 2018	BF-96280814-1	\$0.00	ENLACE Corporation	EPA
CDBG – Housing relocation process	2014	6630-14-301111-2414-7210-0000	\$679,435.00	Municipality of San Juan (Portion to ENLACE)	HUD
<b>OTHER CONTRACTS WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	June 26, 2012 – June 30, 2016	2012-000058	\$ 300,000.00	ENLACE Corporation transfers funds to USACE in compliance with WRDA, Section 5127	ENLACE
US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	June 20, 2016 to June 20, 2019	2016-000046	\$1,347,500.00	ENLACE Corporation transfers funds to USACE. Agreement initiating the pre-construction, engineering, and design of the ecosystem restoration project.	ENLACE
<b>OTHER FEDERAL IN KIND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>					
Smart Growth Implementation Assistance		Does not apply	\$80,000	EPA contracted company to provide consulting services to ENLACE on green infrastructure and resiliency measures. There is no signed agreement with ENLACE.	EPA

CNCS: Corporation for National & Community Service

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

HUD: US Department of Housing and Urban Development

CDBG: Community Development Block Grant

# Lyvia N. Rodríguez Del Valle

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## Summary

Lyvia Rodriguez Del Valle is an urban and regional planner who serves as Executive Director of the *Corporación del Proyecto ENLACE del Caño Martín Peña*, a redevelopment authority that brings together the organized communities, the private sector, and government around an agenda for an inclusive city. She is also the Executive Director of the *Fideicomiso de la Tierra del Caño Martín Peña*, a private, non for profit community land trust created to regularize informal settlements through collective land ownership, prevent gentrification, develop housing opportunities mainly for relocated families, and generate wealth for community. For over a decade, Ms. Rodríguez Del Valle has worked together with an interdisciplinary team in Puerto Rico's most salient example of participatory planning – action – reflection, creating innovative and highly participatory mechanisms to overcome poverty and address pressing environmental degradation and resulting public health issues, building upon the capacities of the 26,000 residents in eight communities. ENLACE is also engaged in over 30 programs that include adult literacy, violence prevention, youth leadership, community organizing, environmental awareness, through participatory democracy and critical thought. This project has been honored with the UN-Habitat New Urban Agenda Inspirational Practices, the UN World Habitat Award, the Paul Davidoff Award for Social Change and Diversity (American Planning Association), the Roberto Clemente Medal (Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico), the National Achievements in Environmental Justice Award (US Environmental Protection Agency), among others, and is a case study at the John F. Kennedy School of Government (Harvard University).

In 2008, Lyvia was selected by Puerto Rico's main newspaper, El Nuevo Día, one of the Island's prominent ten leaders; in 2009 she was honored by the Puerto Rican Planning Society with the Distinguished Professional Planner Award; in 2010 she received the Latina Leader Award on behalf of the Dolores Huerta Foundation and The Imagen Foundation; and, in 2011 she received the Ricardo Alegría Medal of Architecture. She is recipient of the USEPA Environmental Quality Award of 2007 and of 2011. In 2014, she became a Ford Foundation Fellow for NeighborWorks' Achieving Excellence Program, which allowed her to complete executive education at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Her work has also been recognized by the National Lawyer's Guild and the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Previously, Ms. Rodríguez Del Valle, worked for the City of San Juan as Director of the Santurce Urban Management Office. Also, she was awarded the Urban Development Fellowship that allowed her to work on disaster management and decentralization issues in Quito, Ecuador. As a graduate student at the University of Florida, she co-founded the Institute for Hispanic-Latino Cultures and was admitted to the Hall of Fame for her leadership and activism in favor of latinos. Occasionally, Ms. Rodríguez Del Valle teaches Planning and Community Development at the University of Puerto Rico Graduate School of Planning. She lives with her two daughters in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico.

# Lyvia N. Rodríguez Del Valle

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- EDUCATION:** Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government Feb 2016  
**Executive Education Certificate**  
**NeighborWorks Achieving Excellence Program**
- University of Florida, Gainesville May 1997  
**Master of Arts in Urban and Regional Planning**  
**Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies**
- Honors: Outstanding Thesis Award, University of Florida Hall of Fame, Minority Students Leadership Award, Presidential Outstanding Student Award, Who is Who Among Students in American Universities
- Selected activities: Co-founder of the Institute for Hispanic-Latino Cultures, the first of its kind in the Southeastern United States; Student Senator representing the College of Architecture; founder and member of the Hispanic-Latino Student Council, *Latinos en Acción*, and *Unión de Estudiantes Puertorriqueños Activos*.
- Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus May 1991  
**Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Design, School of Architecture**
- Honors: Magna Cum Laude; National Dean's List
- PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:** **Licensed Planner #382**  
*Junta Examinadora de Planificadores Profesionales de Puerto Rico*
- PROFESSIONAL HONORS:** National Lawyers Guild, Annual Women's Luncheon Honoree (2013)  
*Colegio de Arquitectos y Arquitectos Paisajistas de Puerto Rico*, Dr. Ricardo Alegría Medal of Architecture (2011)  
Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental Quality Award (2011)(2007)  
Puerto Rico House of Representatives (2010)  
The Imagen Foundation, the Dolores Huerta Foundation, and the Hispanic Congressional Caucus, Latina Leader Award (2010)  
*Sociedad Puertorriqueña de Planificación*, Pedro Tirado Lameiro Award to a Distinguished Planner (2009)  
Selected as one of the Ten Puerto Rican Leaders of 2008, by *El Nuevo Día*.
- EXPERIENCE:** CORPORACION DEL PROYECTO ENLACE DEL CAÑO MARTIN PEÑA  
2005 to present San Juan, Puerto Rico  
**Executive Director**
- Honors: UN-Habitat, New Urban Agenda Inspirational Practices (2017)  
University of Puerto Rico Graduate School of Public Health, National Public Health Award (2016)  
National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Social Justice Warrior Award (2015)  
New York City Assembly Recognition (2015)  
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Roberto Clemente Medal (2014)  
Environmental Protection Agency, Urban Waters Federal Partnership (2013)  
Environmental Protection Agency, National Achievements in Environmental Justice Award (2010)  
Case Study, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government (2010 to present)  
American Planning Association, Paul Davidoff Award for Social Change and Diversity (2009)

Merck, Health Innovations Award, Finalist (2007)

*Colegio de Arquitectos y Arquitectos Paisajistas de Puerto Rico, Honor Award, IX Bienal de Arquitectura (2005)*

Management and general coordination of the ENLACE Caño Martín Peña Project, a 25 year endeavor requiring an investment of \$740M promoting an inclusive city, social and environmental justice for 26,000 inhabitants of eight communities settled informally in the Caño's banks and next to San Juan's prime financial district, and new economic development opportunities for Puerto Rico in a restored San Juan Bay National Estuary.

As executive director of the government redevelopment authority created to implement the Comprehensive Development and Land Use Plan for the area, coordinated the implementation of housing and infrastructure strategies, the dredging of the Caño Martín Peña, and urban, social and economic development initiatives. Guaranteed the participation of the residents as the main actors in the planning and implementation of ENLACE; promoted community empowerment and the strengthening of community based organizations. Built partnerships with community based organizations, the private sector, universities and local and federal government agencies. Guided the implementation of community economic development strategies, including the creation of a micro business incubator and an ecotourism initiative. Led the participatory planning process to create the Caño Martín Peña Land Trust and its regulations, as a mechanism to address complex land tenure issues, avoid gentrification, and guarantee affordable housing. Participated in the design of the Corporation's geographic information system. Overviewed and participated in housing, infrastructure and urban development projects, and in the creation and implementation of alternative strategies to promote public participation, critical thought, youth leadership, environmental awareness, and prevention of violence and of substance abuse, among many others. Coordinated studies related to the dredging of the Caño Martín Peña. Participated in numerous academic and professional forums as keynote speaker, and in roundtables and conferences. Oversaw the public relations and communications strategies. Designed multiple workshops. Made public policy recommendations to the Board of Directors. Kept an interdisciplinary and highly participatory approach.

Designed the Corporation's administrative structure and regulations; secured funding from public and private sources; wrote grant applications; participated in lobbying strategies to seek federal funding; prepared RFP's; represented ENLACE in press conferences and public hearings; coordinated the work of the advisory board; drafted bills, three of which became law, and provided comments on bills; prepared the strategic and annual working plans, and the budget; promoted participatory evaluations. For 4 years, served as Secretary of the Board of Directors, prepared the agenda and resolutions to be discussed in meetings, and prepared and kept the minutes. Hired, overviewed and worked with a team of 27 employees, 13 AmeriCorps VISTA members, 10 AmeriCorps STATE members, in addition to consultants, college students and 400 volunteers, and managed a yearly operational budget of \$2M and a programmatic budget of up to \$25M.

2009 to present

FIDEICOMISO DE LA TIERRA DEL CANO MARTIN PENA  
San Juan, Puerto Rico  
**Executive Director**

Honors: Semifinalist, Bucksminster Fuller Challenge (2017)  
United Nations World Habitat Award (2015-16)  
Puerto Rico Senate (2016)  
Environmental Protection Agency, National Achievements in Environmental  
Justice Award (2010)

Management and general coordination of the Caño Martín Peña Community Land Trust, a non for profit organization that manages 200 acres of real estate and other assets collectively owned by the residents of the Caño Martín Peña Special Planning District. Overlooked the process to regularize land tenure in an informal settlement through surface rights, prevent foreclosures, develop affordable housing, and generate income; as well as community participation strategies throughout. Hired and overlooked 4 employees, 6 AmeriCorps VISTA members, and consultants. Managed a \$1.5M budget.

PUERTO RICO HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

2001 to 2005

**Assistant to the Executive Director**  
**Assistant to the Secretary of Transportation and Public Works**  
**Manager, ENLACE Caño Martín Peña Strategic Project**

Assisted the Executive Director and the Secretary of Transportation and Public Works in the conception, management and general coordination of ENLACE. Responsible for the preparation of the Comprehensive Development and Land Use Plan; compliance with local and federal environmental legislation, including the development of environmental impact statements; and, design and construction of several infrastructure projects. Participated in the Government of Puerto Rico lobbying strategies to seek federal funding. Coordinated the work of over 10 local and federal government agencies. Created and supervised the project's Community Outreach Office, which held over 700 activities promoting participation and empowerment during the first two years. Hired and supervised an interdisciplinary team of consultants. Wrote several position papers with recommendations on the project's most critical public policy issues, such as, the role of the Caño's potential for navigation in determining its characteristics, land tenure, and strategies to relocate over 2300 households. Worked in legislation which created the *Corporación del Proyecto ENLACE del Caño Martín Peña*, to implement environmental, socioeconomic, housing and urban development strategies, as well as the first community land trust in Puerto Rico. Coordinated the transition process. Supervised a staff of seven, and managed an administrative budget of \$2 million, and a programmatic budget of \$20 million.

PUERTO RICO CHILD SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

2001

**Deputy Administrator**

Conducted research to evaluate Law 168 to establish an Elderly Support Program, including literature review, focus groups, and interviews. Proposed public policy recommendations, upon which this law was amended. Designed indicators for the Administration's strategic plan.

DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT, CITY OF SAN JUAN  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

1997-2001

**Director of the Santurce Urban Management Office**

Coordinated municipal efforts and developed urban management and planning strategies focused on revitalizing Santurce. Promoted private sector and citizen participation in project and program development and implementation; promoted

community based leadership and development. Dealt with issues related to infrastructure, urban design, urban planning, land use policies and regulation, real estate, economic investment, rehabilitation and maintenance of public spaces, low-income communities, homelessness, public safety, transportation, historic preservation, immigration, among others. Reviewed and commented environmental impact statements, construction and land use permits, ordinances, legislation, studies, plans, proposals, and other documentation. Managed several projects and programs, and collaborated on project management, i.e., *Código de Orden Público para Santurce, Cafés al Aire Libre, Mejoras a la Plaza de Mercado de Santurce*. Managed the Office since its establishment; supervised a staff of eight.

1997 DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT, CTY OF SAN JUAN  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

**Planning Specialist for the Land Use Planning Office**

Developed the environmental planning component for the Third Phase of the City of San Juan Land Use Plan. Worked on the regional planning component, analyzing the land use plans of the five adjacent municipalities. Studied the effect of migration on the urban structure of San Juan. Provided technical assistance to the Citizen Planning Board #1: *Litoral Sanjuanero*.

CG CONSULTORES CIA. LTDA.

Quito, Ecuador

1995-1997

**Consultant/Director of the Institutionalizing Disaster Prevention, Mitigation, and Preparedness Activities in South American Municipalities Project, funded by the United States Agency for International Development.**

Provided technical assistance to the municipalities of Asunción, Paraguay and Quito, Ecuador on incorporating risk management into the local government agenda, as part of administrative, financial, and political decentralization initiatives and in the framework of participatory planning and sustainable development. Conducted several research projects, wrote reports and articles, and drafted municipal legislation. Organized and conducted regional conferences and seminars. Hired and supervised consultants and support personnel; managed a budget of \$52,000.

COMMUNITIES CONSULTING INTERNATIONAL

Quito, Ecuador

1995

**Urban Development Fellow**

Assisted the Regional Disaster Advisor of the Regional Housing and Urban Development Office for South America – USAID in the development of the projects “Urban Environmental Degradation and Risk Management” and “Series of National Atlas on Natural Hazards and Disasters.” Represented the Disaster Advisor while traveling and provided support to EPA consultants for the Environmental Pollution Prevention Program. Organized and coordinated international seminars, prepared RFPs, developed evaluation indicators, prepared reports, and worked with donor agencies, research institutions, and governmental and non-governmental organizations.

URBANA CONSULTORES CIA. LTDA.

Quito, Ecuador

Summer  
1994

**Intern: Assistant to the Principal Consultant and Founder**

Participated in the development of pre-feasibility studies for the market system of the City of Guayaquil, dealing with the social and environmental aspects that derive from informal economies. Prepared databases generated AutoCAD

Drawings and reports. Successfully organized a seminar targeting donor agencies and government officials to obtain funding for two pilot projects on the use of engineered wetlands biotechnology for water sanitation.

#### FLORIDA TRAFFIC AND BICYCLE SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Gainesville, Florida

1993-1994

##### **Graduate Assistant**

Assisted in the preparation of a bicycle/pedestrian master plan for the University of Florida. Assisted on the program's management aspects.

#### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SOCIOLOGY

La Habana, Cuba

Summer  
1993

##### **Student Fellow**

Worked as Spanish-English translator for a group of sociology professors from several universities visiting *FLACSO-Cuba*, during a series of seminars and field trips. Conducted research on Havana's urban development, in preparation for a paper comparing San Juan and Havana in the 1950-1990 period.

#### SANCHEZ-ARANA ARQUITECTOS

San Juan, Puerto Rico

1990-1991

##### **Assistant to the Architect**

Participated in the generation of architectural drawings, designs, and renderings for the *Ponce en Marcha* Project, as well as small-scale residential and commercial projects; developed construction details.

#### **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

#### UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO

Rio Piedras Campus, San Juan, Puerto Rico

##### **Adjunct Professor**

Sporadically, teaches the course PLAN 6596 Community Development: Participatory Action Planning, at the Graduate School of Planning.

San Juan, 1999 to present. Invited by several professors of the School of Architecture, University of Puerto Rico, to participate on design studio critiques.

#### **RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS:**

2017. "*El Fideicomiso de la Tierra del Caño Martín Peña: Instrumento notable de regularización de suelo en asentamientos informales*", Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Working Paper, co authored with Line Algoed and María E. Hernández Torrales. To be published in 2017.

2016. "*El caso del Caño Martín Peña en Puerto Rico: Fideicomiso de la Tierra para asegurar el derecho a la ciudad*" en *América Latina en Movimiento*, n. 519, pp. 25-26. Quito: ALAI

2014. "Health Impact Assessments for Environmental Restoration: The Case of Caño Martín Peña" co-authored with Perry Sheffield, MD, MPH, Meghan Rowe, BA, Damiris Agu, MPA, and Katia Avilés, MS, in *Annals of Global Health* n.80, pp. 296-302. New York: Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

2005. "*Proyecto ENLACE del Caño Martín Peña: Haciendo ciudad desde los espacios marginados*", en *Revista Ambiente* n.94. La Plata: FLACAM

2001. "*Ley 168 para el Sustento de Personas de Edad Avanzada: Notas para su evaluación.*" White paper prepared for the Puerto Rico Child Support Administration.

1997. “La gestión de riesgos en la Municipalidad de Asunción – Paraguay”, in Desastres y Sociedad, v.5 n.8. Lima: La Red de Estudios Sociales en Prevención de Desastres.

1997. *The Institutional Approach of Local Governments of the Andean and Southern Cone Regions to Disaster Prevention and Response: The Case of the Municipality of the Metropolitan District of Quito, Ecuador*. Terminal project for Master’s program, University of Florida.

1996. “Encuesta a municipios de la región andina y del cono sur: La gestión de los gobiernos locales para la prevención y atención de desastres”. Report for USAID. CG Consultores Cía Ltda.

1996. “Assessment of Disaster Prevention, Mitigation, and Preparedness Activities in Latin America”. Paper co-authored with María Augusta Fernández and presented in the Second International Conference – Local Governments Facing Disasters and Emergencies, held in Amsterdam. Quito: RHUDO/USAID

## **SELECTED CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

San Juan, 2001-to present. Participated as a speaker in hundreds of academic and professional local and international forums as part of the ENLACE Martín Peña Project.

Johnannesgurg, 2017. Forced Evictions and Urban Displacement Workshop.

Ciudad de México, 2017. “*III Encuentro Latinoamericano de Producción Social del Hábitat*”, organized by HIC-AL, UrbaMonde and FUCVAM. Participated in the panel “*Debate: La producción social del hábitat ¿Una alternativa al capitalismo?*”, and coorganized a workshop on the Fideicomiso de la Tierra del Caño Martín Peña.

San Juan, 2017. Co Organized, with the Building Social Housing Foundation, the Peer Exchange among professionals from 7 countries around World Habitat Awardee *Fideicomiso de la Tierra del Caño Martín Peña*.

Quito, 2016. Speaker at several UN Habitat III Summit side events.

Albany, 2016. Environmental Justice Issues, Somos El Futuro Conference.

San Juan, 2014. Reaction to Hal Saunders’ presentation on Sustained Dialogue. Invited by Agenda Ciudadana.

San Juan, 2014. Rutgers University Community Development Graduate Certificate, Comprehensive Planning and Community Development.

San Juan, 2012, Environmental Justice and the Right to the Land. Co organized the conference.

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San Juan, 2011. Beyond Violence Against Women organized by the *Liga de Cooperativas*. Participated as a speaker with the presentation “Violence in poor communities”.

San Juan, 2011. Towards a vision, workshop organized by the *Sociedad Puertorriquena de Planificación*. Participated as a speaker with the essay

“Planners as Agents of Social Change”.

San Juan, 2010. Community Land Trusts: Affordable Housing in Times of Foreclosure. Organized the conference.

San Juan, 2008. 52nd International Federation of Housing and Planning World Congress. Participated as a speaker with the presentation: “Urban Reform and the Right to the City: The Caño Martín Peña Land Trust”. Organizer of two study tours.

San Juan, 2007. Architects and Landscape Architects Annual Conference organized by the *Colegio de Arquitectos y Arquitectos Paisajistas de Puerto Rico*. Participated as the keynote speaker with the presentation: “Building the City from its Neglected Communities.”

San Juan, 2005. Planners Annual Conference organized by the *Sociedad Puertorriqueña de Planificación*. Participated as a speaker with the paper: “Planning and Risk Management: Basic Principles.”

San Juan, 2005. XI Ibero American Congress of Land and Urban Restructuration – Recycling, organized by the Puerto Rico Polytechnic University New School of Architecture, the Department of Housing, the Department of Transportation and Public Works, and the *Asociación Española de Técnicos Urbanistas*. Participated as a speaker in the panel “Communities and Commitment”, with the presentation “Participatory Instruments for the Urban and Social Transformation of Marginalized Communities: The case of the ENLACE Martín Peña Project”, and organized a field trip.

San Juan, 2004. ENLACE Martín Peña Project: A Case Study in Participatory Planning. Organized the conference and participated as a speaker with the presentation “Promoting Community Involvement in the Planning Process”.

San Juan, 2004. First Congress on Corporate Social Responsibility, organized by *De tu parte*. Participated as a speaker on the panel: “How to Build Strategic Partnerships”.

San Juan, 2003. Workshop on Land Tenure Strategies. Sponsored by the PR Department of Housing and the ENLACE Martín Peña Project. Organized the workshop.

San Juan, 2002. Congress on Livable Cities. Sponsored by the *Sociedad Puertorriqueña de Planificación*. Participated as speaker: “Promoting Citizen Empowerment in a Government Led Project: The ENLACE Martín Peña Project Experience”.

San Juan, 1999. Colloquium on Environmental Justice, organized by the *Grupo de Estudios de Raza e Identidad*.

Santo Domingo, 1999. Caribbean, Disasters and Society. Conference organized by FLACSO-Dominican Republic. Presented paper “*Reflexiones sobre participación ciudadana, gobiernos locales y gestión de desastres en Puerto Rico*”.

San Juan, 1998. Workshop on Disasters: Development's Non Resolved Issue. Sopsponsored by the *Sociedad Puertorriqueña de Planificación*. Dictated and designed the workshop in conjunction with Félix I. Aponte.

San Juan, 1998. Roundtable on Urban and Environmental Issues. Organized by *El Nuevo Día*.

San Juan, 1997. San Juan Towards the New Century. Conference organized by the Municipality of San Juan and the *Sociedad Puertorriqueña de Planificación*. Presented the book *¿Quienes hacen ciudad? Ambiente urbano y participación popular: Cuba, Puerto Rico, República Dominicana*.

Ciudad de Panamá, 1997. IX Meeting of *La Red de Estudios Sociales en Prevención de Desastres* and Internacional Dialogue for Disaster Reduction. Organized by La Red, the Organization of American States, the International Hurricane Center, Panamá's National Civil Protection System, and the Coordination Center for Disaster Prevention in Central America.

Miami, 1996. First Hemispheric Conference on Disaster Reduction and Sustainable Development. Organized by *La Red de Estudios Sociales en Prevención de Desastres*, the Hurricane Center, Florida International University, OAS, among others.

Santiago de Chile, 1996 – First South American Conference on Municipalities and Local Organizations Dealing with Emergencies and Disasters, organized by the Chilean Red Cross, National Emergency Office (ONEMI), Association of Chilean Municipalities, IULA/CELCADEL. Participated as moderator of panel and assisted in the organization of the Conference.

Asunción, 1996. Towards a Municipal Program of Disaster Prevention and Response. Organized and co-designed the workshop targeting municipal personnel.

Washington DC, 1996. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference: Turning the Tide: Overcoming Barriers to Self Sufficiency. Organized by the National Puerto Rican Coalition. Moderated the panel Puerto Rican/Latino Studies: A Tool for Recruitment and Retention in Higher Education.

Quito, 1995. Workshop on Urban Environmental Degradation and Disasters. Sponsored by RHUDO/SA, *La Red de Estudios Sociales en Prevención de Desastres*, FLACSO-Costa Rica, DHA-UN, Equilibrio, and Ciudad. Organized the workshop.

**OTHER  
ACTIVITIES:**

San Juan, 2014 and 2016, Jury. Monseñor Antulio Parrilla Award for Social Cooperative Responsibility, Liga de Cooperativas.

**SKILLS:**

Excellent oral and written language skills in English and Spanish with basic knowledge of Brazilian Portuguese. Works with various PC software including Windows, MS Office (Excel, Word, Power Point), MS Project. Basic knowledge of ArcGIS. Other skills include public speaking, community organizing, participatory planning, asset building, graphic design, budget preparation and management, research, project management, policy development, advocacy. Results oriented.