

Marla del Pilar Pérez-Lugo

EDUCATION

- 2003 PhD. in Environmental Sociology from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.
- 2001 Graduate Certificate in Human Dimensions of Environmental Change from the Department of Human Ecology at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- 2000 Master's Degree in Sociology from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
- 1997 Bachelor Degree in Sociology, Magna Cum Laude from University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez

AREAS OF INTEREST

Sociology of energy, environmental justice, energy justice, energy transitions analysis, social acceptance to renewable energy technologies, energy democracy and security, community resilience, sociology of disasters, public participation in environmental decision-making, risk communication, the role of institutions of higher education in disaster response and recovery, knowledge management.

APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-2020 Member of the U.S. National Advisory Committee, Environmental Protection Agency.
- 2019-2022 Member of the National Advisory of Environmental Health Sciences Council.
- 2019-present Senior Fellow in Resilience Thinking, National Council for Science and the Environment (<https://www.ncseglobal.org/>).
- 2018-present Coordinator of the Undergraduate Curricular Sequence on Environmental Sociology and Policy at UPRM (<https://sociambiental-uprm.weebly.com/>).
- 2018 Summer Visiting Fellow at the Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University (<https://plas.princeton.edu/>).
- 2017 Visiting Fellow, School for the Future of Innovation in Society, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona (<https://sfis.asu.edu/school-future-innovation-society>).
- 2015 – present Full Professor in Sociology, Department of Social Sciences at University of Puerto Rico – Mayaguez (<http://www.uprm.edu/p/ciso/profesores>).
- 2015-present Member of the Steering Committee of the National Institute of Energy and Island Sustainability of the UPR System (<https://inesi.upr.edu/>)

- 2011-2012 Coordinator of the Sociology Program for the Department of Social Sciences, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (<http://www.uprm.edu/p/ciso/sociologia>)
- 2007- 2009 Associate Director of ITEAS (Tropical Institute of Energy, Society and the Environment) at UPRM. (<http://iteas.uprm.edu/>)
- 2007-2015 Associate Professor in Sociology at the Department of Social Sciences at University of Puerto Rico – Mayaguez Campus.
- 2004-2005 Director of the Center for Applied Social Research at the Department of Social Sciences, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
- 2003-2004 Coordinator of the Sociology Program for the Department of Social Sciences, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
- 2003-2006 Assistant Professor in Sociology at the Department of Social Sciences at University of Puerto Rico – Mayaguez Campus.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Perez-Lugo, Marla and Cecilio Ortiz-Garcia (In Progress) "Visualizing Power: Exploring Stakeholders Visions for the Future of Puerto Rico's Electric System"
- Jiménez-González, Jenniffer, Joan I. Asencio-Yace, Marla Pérez-Lugo, Agustín Irizarry-Rivera (In Progress) "Compound Index: Reliability, Resilience, and Social Forces for the Sustainability of Isolated Community Microgrids (ICMGs) After Catastrophic Weather Events (CWEs)". (2018) Proceedings of Resilience Week 2018: Transforming the Resilience of Critical Infrastructures and Communities.
- Rodriguez-Martinez, Manuel, Efrain O'Neill-Carrillo, Marla Perez-Lugo, Fabio Andrade, Wilson Rivera, Agustin Irizarry, Rafael Rodriguez-Solis, Cecilio Ortiz-Garcia, Eduardo Lugo (2016). "A case for Open Access Smart Grids (OASIS)" Proceedings of the 2016 IEEE Conference on Technologies for Sustainability (SusTech). <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/7897162/>
- Perez-Lugo, M., Badillo, M. V., & Santos, J. R. (2015). Diseño y avalúo de campañas de educación ambiental: El caso de la Cuenca hidrográfica del Río Grande de Añasco. *Revista de Administración Pública (Etapa IV- Colección completa)*, 17-48. <https://revistas.upr.edu/index.php/ap/article/view/679>
- E. O'Neill-Carrillo, C. Ortiz-Garcia, M. Perez, I. Baiges, S. Minos (2010) "Experiences with Stakeholder Engagement in Transitioning to an Increased Use of Renewable Energy Systems," Proceedings of the IEEE International Symposium on Sustainable Systems and Technology, Washington, DC, May 2010. <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/5507732/>
- E. O'Neill-Carrillo, M. Perez-Lugo, C. Ortiz-Garcia, A. A. Irizarry-Rivera, J.A. Colucci-Rs (2008) "Sustainable Energy: Balancing the Economic, Environmental and Social Dimensions of Energy," Proceedings of Energy 2030: IEEE Conference on Global Sustainable Energy Infrastructure, November 2008, Atlanta, GA. <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/4781010/>
- E. O'Neill-Carrillo, W. Frey, C. Ortiz-Garcia, A. A. Irizarry-Rivera, M. Perez-Lugo, J.A. Colucci-Rios (2008) "Advancing a Sustainable Energy Ethics Through Stakeholder Engagement," Proceedings of Energy

2030: IEEE Conference on Global Sustainable Energy Infrastructure, November 2008, Atlanta, GA.
<https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/4781008/>

Perez-Lugo, Marla and María Victoria Badillo (2007) "*Environmental Education Projects and Community Participation: The Case of the Río Grande de Añasco Watershed in Puerto Rico.*" Proceedings of the The State of Environmental Justice in America 2007 Conference. Howard University School of Law, Washington, DC.

Perez-Lugo, Marla, María Victoria Badillo y Jorge Rivera Santos (2006) "*Diseño y Avalúo de Campañas Educativas: El Caso de la Cuenca Hidrográfica del Río Grande de Añasco.*" [Design and Assessment of Educational Campaigns: The Case of the Río Grande de Añasco Watershed.] Paper for a special issue on multidisciplinary approaches to public administration of the Journal of Public Administration published by the School of Public Administration at the University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras.

Perez-Lugo, Marla. (May 2004) "*Re-Thinking Media Uses in Natural Disaster Situations: A New Focus on the Impact Phase.*" Sociological Inquiry. Vol. 74, No. 2. Pp 210-225.

Osinubi, O., Rovner, E., Sinha, S., Perez-Lugo, M., and Demissie, K. (2004) "*Efficacy of Tobacco Dependence Treatment in the Context of a "Smoke Free Grounds" Worksite Policy: A Case Study*" American Journal of Industrial Medicine. 46:180-187. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/ajim.20020>

Burger, J., McDermott, M. H., Chess, C., Bochenek, E., Perez-Lugo, M., & Pflugh, K. K. (August, 2003). "*Evaluating Risk Communication about Fish Consumption Advisories: Efficacy of a brochure vs. a classroom lesson in Spanish and English.*" Risk Analysis. Vol. 23, Issue 4, pp: 791.

McDermott, M., Chess C., Kerry Kirk Pflugh, Marla Perez-Lugo, Eleanor Bochenek, and Joanna Burger (2003) "*Communicating a complex message to the population most at risk: an outreach strategy for fish consumption advisories.*" Journal of Applied Environmental Education & Communication. 2:39-48.
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/15330150301346>

Osinubi, O., Moline, J., Rovner, E., Sinha, S., Perez-Lugo, M., Demissie, K., and Kipen H. M., (May, 2003) "*A pilot Study of Telephone-Based Smoking Cessation Intervention in Asbestos Workers*" Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. Vol. 45, Num. 5. pp: 569-574.
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/12762083>

Perez-Lugo, Marla. (March, 2001) "*The Mass Media and Disaster Awareness in Puerto Rico: A Case Study of the Floods in Barrio Tortugo.*" Organizations & Environment. Volume 14, Number 1, March 2001.
<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1086026601141003>

Rudel, Thomas K., M. Perez-Lugo, and H. Zichal, "*When fields revert to forest: development and spontaneous reforestation in post-war Puerto Rico.*" The Professional Geographer, Volume 52, Number 3, August 2000.
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1111/0033-0124.00233>

Perez-Lugo, Marla. "*The Mass Media, Political Fragmentation, and Environmental Injustice in Puerto Rico: A case Study of the Floods in Barrio Tortugo.*" Quick Response Report (QR 113). Natural Hazard Research Center at Boulder, Colorado. March 12, 1999. (<http://www.colorado.edu/IBS/hazards/qr/qr113.html>).

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Perez Lugo, Marla and Cecilio Ortiz García (2018) "El problema con la autogestión". Opinion piece published by El Nuevo Día, Digital Version on May 8.
<https://www.elnuevodia.com/opinion/columnas/elproblemaconlaautogestion-columna-2420951/>

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- Perez-Lugo, Marla (2018) "Lo que no menciona el gobernador" Opinion piece published by El Nuevo Día, Digital Version on January 24.
<https://www.elnuevodia.com/opinion/columnas/loquenomencionaelgobernador-columna-2392627/>
- Instituto Nacional de Energía y Sostenibilidad Islena (2018) "Manual para el Consumidor de Energía Eléctrica. Developed for the Independent Office for Consumer Protection.
<https://www.scribd.com/document/380760252/Manual-del-Consumidor-de-Energi-a-Ele-ctrica-de-Puerto-Rico>
- Perez-Lugo, Marla (2017) "Transformación Energética" Opinion piece published by El Nuevo Día, Digital Version on October 11. <https://www.elnuevodia.com/opinion/columnas/transformacionenergetica-columna-2364956/>
- Perez Lugo, Marla (2017) "Doble vara en las finanzas del País" Opinion piece published by El Nuevo Día, Digital Version, on February 23.
<https://www.elnuevodia.com/opinion/columnas/doblevaraenlasfinanzasdelpais-columna-2294505/>
- Ortiz-García, Cecilio and Marla Perez Lugo (2017) "El Dilema Social de la UPR". Opinion piece published by El Nuevo Día, Digital Version, on February 17.
<https://www.elnuevodia.com/opinion/columnas/eldilemasocialdelaupr-columna-2292615>
- Perez-Lugo, Marla and Cecilio Ortiz Garcia (2016) "Privatizar la AEE, ¿para qué?" Opinion piece published by El Nuevo Día, Digital Version, on October 10.
<https://www.elnuevodia.com/opinion/columnas/privatizarlaaeeparaque-columna-2250018/>
- Ortiz Garcia, Cecilio and Marla Perez Lugo (2015) Catalog of Resources in Energy and Sustainability in the System of the University of Puerto Rico. National Institute for Energy and Island Sustainability and the UPR President's Office, University of Puerto Rico. <https://inesi.upr.edu/catalogo.php>
- Pérez-Lugo, Marla (2014) "Taxonomía de un Problema Perverso y el Rompecabezas de la Energía." Revista Ambiental Corriente Verde: La Naturaleza Exige Acción. Vol. 5, Núm. 2. Corriente Verde, Inc. Luquillo, PR.
- Pérez-Lugo, Marla and Cecilio Ortiz García (2009) "De Agendas, Alternativas y Políticas Públicas: Energía y la Sociedad Puertorriqueña" [Special Article for the Series on Renewable Energy published by the Semanario Claridad]. http://aceer.uprm.edu/pdfs/dilema_energetico.pdf
- Pérez-Lugo, Marla (2009) "Oposición Comunitaria y Ambientalista al Gasoducto: La Necesidad de Cambio en el Manejo de Nuestros Recursos". [Special Article for the Environmental Magazine of the Cumbre Social of Puerto Rico]
- Perez-Lugo, Marla and Cecilio Ortiz Garcia (2008) "Green Business, Renewable Energy, and Sustainable Puerto Rico" [Special Article for the Guía para Negocios Verdes of the Caribbean Business].
- Ortiz-García, Cecilio and Marla Perez Lugo (2008) "El Papel del Académico/Experto en los Procesos de Política Pública en Puerto Rico: Explorando el Liderazgo Político" [The Role of the Academic/Expert in the Policy Process in Puerto Rico] AERYC. March.

BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Ortiz García, Cecilio and Marla Perez Lugo (In progress) "From Sikorsky to Tesla: Exploring the Limits of Puerto Rico's Energy Transitions".

Ortiz García, Cecilio and Marla Pérez Lugo (2017) "UPR y Recortes Presupuestarios: Implicaciones en la Docencia, la Investigación y los Servicios" in the book Comentarios a la Reforma Laboral. Ed. Carlos Ala Santiago Rivera. Available at <https://bibliotecaap.wordpress.com/2017/06/05/comentario-a-la-reforma-laboral-2017-libro/>.

M. Pérez-Lugo, E. O'Neill-Carrillo, C. Ortiz-García, A. Irizarry-Rivera, J. Colucci-Rios (2011) "Instituto Tropical de Energía, Ambiente y Sociedad: Un acercamiento transdisciplinario al problema energético de Puerto Rico." In the edited volumen Utopías: Otras Universidades Posibles by Lissette Rolon, Centro de Publicaciones Académicas. University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez, PR. http://editoraemergente.com/product.php?id_product=109

Ortiz García, C. and Perez Lugo, M. (2009), Community Perceptions and Attitudes about locating a pilot wind farm in Vieques: Recommendations for effective communication and public participation strategies; Research Report, Tropical Institute of Energy, Environment and Society; University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez Press. http://iteas.uprm.edu/docs/antologia_ITEAS_2009.pdf

SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

Jaramillo, Loraima; Lionel Orama; Marla Perez Lugo; Cecilio Ortiz; Marcel Castro and Jonathan Castillo (2018) Puerto Rico's State of Energy Report – 2017. Submitted to the Puerto Rico's Office of Energy Policy.

Jaramillo, Loraima; Lionel Orama; Marla Perez Lugo; Cecilio Ortiz; Marcel Castro and Jonathan Castillo (2017) Puerto Rico's State of Energy Report – 2016. Submitted to the Puerto Rico's Office of Energy Policy.

Ortiz-García, Cecilio and Marla Perez Lugo (2017) "Chapter on Energy Issues" in the Puerto Rico Climate Change Council Report 2017.

Jaramillo, Loraima; Lionel Orama; Marla Perez Lugo; Cecilio Ortiz; Marcel Castro and Jonathan Castillo (2016) Puerto Rico's State of Energy Report – 2015. Available at <http://www.oeppe.pr.gov/Temas%20de%20Interes/Informe%20Anual%20Situacion%20Energetica%202015-Final.pdf>

Perez-Lugo, Marla; Lionel Orama, Ignacio Gallegos and Rafael Vega (2016) "Estudio de Caso: Acueducto Comunitario de Juan Asencio en Aguas Buenas". Submitted to ASAJA-PR. <https://inesi.upr.edu/publicaciones.php>

Perez Lugo, Marla; Cecilio Ortiz Garcia, Victor Ruiz Aviles, Lionel Orama, Luis Rodriguez, Bryan Santana, Fernando Vargas and Rafael Vega (2016) "Identificación de Recursos Energéticos Renovables para Acueductos Comunitarios Sostenibles". Submitted to the Puerto Rico's Office of Special Communities. <https://inesi.upr.edu/publicaciones.php>

Perez-Lugo, Marla and Cecilio Ortiz-García (2012) "Aceptación sociopolítica a los proyectos eólicos propuestos para Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico". Submitted to Aspenall Energies, LLC.

Pérez-Lugo, Marla and Cecilio Ortiz-García (2012) "Estudio de percepción y actitudes hacia la energía renovable y el desarrollo de un proyecto eólico entre los residentes del sector amateur en Camuy." Submitted to Aspenall Energies, LLC.

Pérez-Lugo and Cecilio Ortiz-García (2011) Plan de Educación y Participación Comunitaria Para el Plan de Manejo de Aguas de Escorrentía en el Municipio de Mayagüez. Submitted to the Puerto Rico Water Resources and Environmental Research Institute, at UPRM.

Perez-Lugo, Marla and Cecilio Ortiz-Garcia (2009) "Social Acceptance to the installation of wind turbines in Bacardi, Cataño PR." Submitted to Aspenall Energies, LLC.

Perez-Lugo, Marla, Cecilio Ortiz-Garcia and Ivan Baiges (2008) "Study on Community Perception and Attitudes About the Location of a Pilot Windfarm Project in Vieques: Recommendations for Effective Community Participation and Education Strategies." Submitted to Aspenall Energies, LLC.

Perez-Lugo, Marla, María Victoria Badillo and Jorge Rivera Santos (2006) "Diseño y Avalúo de Campañas Educativas: El Caso de la Cuenca Hidrográfica del Río Grande de Añasco." Submitted to the Puerto Rico Water Resources and Environmental Research Institute, at UPRM.

EDITED VOLUMES

Perez Lugo, Marla (Editor) "Energía Sostenible: Antología de lecturas del Instituto Tropical de Energía, Ambiente y Sociedad de la UPRM". Vol. 2009
http://iteas.uprm.edu/docs/antologia_ITEAS_2009.pdf

Perez Lugo, Marla (Editor) "Energía Sostenible: Antología de lecturas del Instituto Tropical de Energía, Ambiente y Sociedad de la UPRM". Vol. 2008
http://iteas.uprm.edu/docs/Publicacion_ITEAS_2008.pdf

RESEACH PROJECTS

- 2018 Researcher for the "State of Energy Report for Puerto Rico in 2017". Funded by the Puerto Rico's Office of Energy Policy.
- 2017-18 Researcher for the "State of Energy Report for Puerto Rico in 2016". Funded by the Puerto Rico's Office of Energy Policy.
- 2017 Perez Lugo, Marla, Cecilio Ortiz Garcia and Lionel Orama Exclusa. "Development of the Manual for the Smart Consumer of Electricity." Independent Office of the Consumer Advocate, Government of Puerto Rico.
- 2016-17 Researcher for the "State of Energy Report for Puerto Rico in 2015". Funded by the Puerto Rico's Office of Energy Policy.
- 2015-18 Co-Principal Investigator with Dr. Manuel Rodriguez and Dr. Efrain O'Neill in the project "Open Access Smart Grids" funded by Critical and Resilient Critical Infrastructure Program of the National Science Foundation.
- 2015-16 Co-Principal Investigator with Dr. Cecilio Ortiz Garcia in the study "Identificación de Recursos Energéticos Renovables para Acueductos Comunitarios Sostenibles". Funded by the Programa PAIS, the Puerto Rico's Office of Special Communities and the National Institute of Energy and Island Sustainability

- 2015 Ortiz Garcia, Cecilio, Lionel Orama Exclusa and Marla Perez Lugo. "First Puerto Rico's Energy Stakeholders Summit". State Office for Energy Policy, Government of Puerto Rico.
- 2015-2020 Ortiz Garcia, Cecilio, Marla Perez Lugo and Lionel Orama Exclusa. "Creation of the National Institute for Energy and Island Sustainability as a Multidisciplinary and Multicampus Institute for the University of Puerto Rico". Institutional funds granted by UPR's Board of Governors and Central Administration.
- 2014 Ortiz Garcia, Cecilio and Marla Perez Lugo. "Catalog of Resources in Energy and Sustainability in the University of Puerto Rico system. Institutional funds granted by the UPR's President.
- 2012-13 Co-Principal Investigator with Dr. Cecilio Ortiz Garcia in the study "A Participatory Approach to the Development of a New Management Plan for the El Yunque National Forest." Funded by the US Forest Service.
- 2012 Co-Principal Investigator in the project "An Analysis of the Sociopolitical Acceptance of Wind Farms in Santa Isabel, PR". Funded by Aspenall Energies, LLC.
- 2012 Co-Principal Investigator in the "Estudio de percepción y actitudes hacia la energía renovable y el desarrollo de un proyecto eólico entre los residentes del sector Amador en Camuy." Funded by Aspenall Energies, LLC.
- 2010 - 2011 Co-Principal Investigator with Dr. Rivera Santos, Dr. Walter Silva, and Dr. Cecilio Ortiz in the Study "Proyecto de Educación y Participación Comunitaria Plan de Manejo de Escorrentías". Funded by the Municipality of Mayaguez.
- 2009 Co-Principal Investigator in the "Study on the Social Acceptance of Renewable Energy Projects in Cataño, PR". Funded by Aspenall Energies, LLC.
- 2008-13 Collaborator with Dr. Alex S. Mayer at Michigan Tech University in the project "Sustainable Development for Rural Communities: Social, Health and Economic Advances (SUSTR).
- 2008-10 Collaborator with Dr. Ingrid Padilla (UPRM) and Northeastern University in the NSF-IGERT in Intelligent Diagnostics.
- 2008 Co-Principal Investigator in the "Study to describe community perception and attitudes about locating a pilot wind farm in Vieques and to provide recommendations for effective community participation and a community education strategy." Funded by Aspenall Energies, LLC.
- 2004 - 2005 Consultant and field work coordinator for the project "Socioeconomic Profiles of Fishers and their Communities in Western and Eastern Puerto Rico" conducted by Aguirre International for the National Marine Fisheries Council and NOAA.
- 2004 - 2005 Assessment Specialist for the "Partnerships for Research and Education in Materials (PREM) at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez" from the Faculty of Engineering, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez.
- 2004 Consultant for the project "Exploration of social network and industrial symbiosis exchanges in Puerto Rico" directed by Dr. Marian Chertow from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.
- 2003 - 2006 Co-Principal Investigator in the project "Development and Partial Implementation of an Education and Awareness Program for the Comprehensive Integrated Management Plan for the

Mayaguez Bay Watershed Project.” Funded by The Puerto Rico Water Resources and Environmental Research Institute and The stakeholder forum of the project “Development of a Comprehensive Integrated Management Plan (CIMP) for the Mayaguez Bay Watershed.”

- 2001-2002 Research Associate for the Center for Environmental Communication in a project on dissemination of risk communication among the Hispanic community at Elizabeth, NJ.
- 2000-2002 Project Facilitator for Dr. Omowunmi Osinubi at the EOSHI, University of Dentistry and Medicine of New Jersey in two projects (Smoking Cessation Study at the Eric B. Chandler Clinic, and Smoking Cessation Program for New Jersey Manufacturers, Inc.).
- 1999 Principal Investigator in the project “The Role of the Mass Media in the Risk Perception and Disaster Awareness of a Puerto Rican Community in a Disaster Situation.” Funded by the Department of Human Ecology at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.
- 1998 Principal Investigator in the project “The Impact of the Mass Media in the Individuals Perception and Response to Natural Disasters.” Founded by the Quick Response Research Program of the Natural Hazards Research Center at University of Colorado at Boulder.

GRANTS

- 2018 Puerto Rico’s Office of Energy Policy, Government of Puerto Rico. (\$22,752.00)
- 2017 Puerto Rico’s Office of Energy Policy, Government of Puerto Rico. (\$6,588.00)
- 2017 Independent Office of the Consumer Advocate, Government of Puerto Rico. (\$9,625.00)
- 2016 Puerto Rico’s Office of Energy Policy, Government of Puerto Rico. (\$13,380.00)
- 2015 UPR’s Board of Governors and Central Administration. (\$200,000.00)
- 2015 State Office for Energy Policy, Government of Puerto Rico. (\$6,120.00)
- 2015 National Science Foundation, Award # ACI-1541106 (\$1,500,000.00)
- 2014 UPR’s President Office. (\$7,000.00)
- 2012-13 US Forest Service. (\$70,000.00)
- 2012 Aspenall Energies, LLC. (\$18,000.00)
- 2012 Aspenall Energies, LLC. (\$9,750.00)
- 2010 - 2011 US Environmental Protection Agency and the Municipal Government of Mayaguez. (\$60,000.00)
- 2009 Aspenall Energies, LLC. (\$10,000.00)
- 2008-2013 US Department of Education (\$60,000.00)

- 2008-2010 National Science Foundation. (\$3,000,000.00)
- 2008 Aspenall Energies, LLC. (\$10,000.00)
- 2006 Puerto Rico Water Resources and Environmental Research Institute, at UPRM. (\$124,000.00)

PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 “A New Ethic for University/Community Engagement in a Climate Change Era.” Invited Lecture at the “Decentered Center” Lecture Series at the School of Architecture, University of Minnesota at Minneapolis. November 17. (<https://www.ilhumanities.org/2018-people-powered-publishing-conference-sessions/>)
- 2018 “The Media’s Coverage of Hurricane María.” Discussion Panel on Social Justice Stories Across Diasporas: Lessons from Reporting on Chicago and Puerto Rico at the 2018 People-Powered Publishing Conference. Funded by the “Democracy and the Informed Citizen” Initiative of the Federation of State Humanities Councils. November, 15.
- 2018 “The Role of Universities in the Reconstruction of Puerto Rico’s Electric System”. Presentation delivered at the Smart Electric Power Alliance (SEPA). SEPA Headquarters, Washington, DC. September 14. (<https://sepapower.org>)
- 2018 “Compound Index: Reliability, Resilience, and Social Forces for the Sustainability of Isolated Community Microgrids (ICMGs) After Catastrophic Weather Events (CWEs)” Co-authored Paper Presented at Resilience Week 2018: Transforming the Resilience of Critical Infrastructures and Communities. Held at Denver, CO. August.
- 2018 “No Blank Slates: Socio-technical Systems Theory as a Guiding Principle for Disaster Response and Recovery”. Presentation delivered at the 2018 Seismology of the Americas Conference held in Miami, FL. May.
- 2018 “Plataformas de Convergencia Colaborativa Interuniversitaria como Innovación en Intervención Post-Desastre: La Experiencia de INESI”. Presentation delivered at the XVII Environmental Forum at the Pontifical Catholic University, Ponce Puerto Rico. April.
- 2018 “Collaborating and Creating Law and Policy Solutions for Post-Maria Puerto Rico. Guest Speaker in the Panel Inter University Collaborations towards Resiliency,” Puerto Rico Recovery Legal Assistance Clinic, University of Buffalo, School of Law. Buffalo, New York. April. <http://www.law.buffalo.edu/beyond/clinics/puerto-rico-recovery-assistance-legal-clinic/apri-16.html>
- 2018 “Maria and the Tale of Two Puerto Ricos” Guest Speaker at the panel on designing community interventions in the Architecture as Catalyst Workshop. Coordinated by the School of Architecture at the University of Minnesota. March.
- 2018 “Energy Innovation and Disaster Response in Puerto Rico”. Presentation delivered at the Eradicating Poverty through Energy Innovation Workshop, organized by the School For the Future of Innovation in Society at Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. February, 2018. <https://sfis.asu.edu/news-events/events/eradicating-poverty-through-energy-innovation>
- 2018 “Community Managed Aqueducts as Models for Sustainable Community Microgrids”. Poster presentation at the Eradicating Poverty through Energy Innovation Workshop, organized by the School For the Future of Innovation in Society at Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. Co-authored with Joan

Asencio Yace, Iris Gonzalez and Cesar Irizarry. February, 2018. <https://sfis.asu.edu/news-events/events/eradicating-poverty-through-energy-innovation>

- 2017 "Puerto Ricans in the Dark: Decaying Critical Infrastructure and the Need for Sustainable Energy Future" Invited Speaker at the "De Tripas Corazones Symposium" on the topic of the impact of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Organized by the School for Transborder Studies at Arizona State University, Tempe AZ. November, 2018. <https://asuevents.asu.edu/content/symposium-de-tripas-corazones-puerto-ricos-resilience-creativity-and-solidarity-after>
- 2016 "The Wicked Problem of Sustainability" Presentation at the 40th ACS Senior Technical Meeting of the American Chemical Society, Puerto Rico. Guánica, PR. October, 29.
- 2016 "Interdependent Social, Political, And Technological Systems: A New Model For Smart-Grids And Energy Transformations". Presentation at the BEHAVE 2016 Conference in Coimbra, Portugal. September 9, 2016. https://www.uc.pt/en/org/inescc/org_scientific_events/behav2016
- 2013 "The Nature of Sociotechnical Systems". Main speaker at the 15th anniversary of the IEEE Power & Energy Society UPRM Student Chapter
- 2013 Achievability vs sustainability: Including community acceptance considerations in the implementation of renewable energy projects in Puerto Rico. Presentation at the 2013 International Symposium on Society and Resource Management. YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park Colorado. June 5. <https://www.frames.gov/about/calendar/19th-international-symposium-on-society-and-resource-management/?eID=2709>
- 2013 "Un acercamiento sociológico a la basura" [A sociological approach to garbage] Presentation delivered at the XII Environmental Forum of the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Puerto Rico, Departments of Biology and Environmental Sciences. March, 6.
- 2012 "Achievability" Vs. "Sustainability: Including Community Acceptance Consideration in the Implementation of Renewable Energy Projects in Puerto Rico." Presentation delivered at the Conference Quantifying Sustainability in Puerto Rico: A Scientific Discussion, at the Puerto Rico Convention Center, San Juan PR. June 6.
- 2012 A Multisector Approach as Guide for Future Energy Systems. Poster presentation at the International Symposium on Sustainable Systems and Technology. Boston, MA.
- 2012 "The Social Acceptance of Renewable Energy Technologies in Puerto Rico" Presentation delivered at the Doctoral Course "Public Policy and the Sustainability of Critical Infrastructure". Department of Civil Engineering, University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez. April.
- 2012 "The Sociology of Disasters" Presentation delivered at the Doctoral Course "Public Policy and the Sustainability of Critical Infrastructure". Department of Civil Engineering, University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez. February.
- 2010 "Proposal for the development of a Social Acceptance to Renewable Energy Technologies Toolbox" Presentation delivered at the Office of Energy Affairs, San Juan, PR. September.
- 2010 "Consideraciones Sociológicas acerca del problema energético Puertorriqueño". Presentation delivered at the Sociological Talks Series of the Department of Social Sciences' UPRM.
- 2010 "Aspectos sociológicos de la energía". Panel Discussion on the Planning Symposium at the Graduate School of Planning-UPRRP.

- 2008 "The Social Acceptance of Windpower: Eolic Energy Initiatives in Vieques PR" Presentation delivered as guest speaker at the Sociology Department of Fordham University, NY. November.
- 2008 "A Tale of Two Wind Farms: Social Acceptance of Renewable Energy Technologies and Implications for Achieving Energy Sustainability in Puerto Rico". Presentation delivered as guest speaker at the Environmental Sociology and Policy Department of Michigan Tech University, MI. October.
- 2008 "Environmental Education and Watersheds Co-Management" Presentation delivered at the Colloquium Series of the Biology Department of University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez. March.
- 2008 "Environmental Sociology and Tropical Ecosystems: Changes and Tendencies in Response to Anthropogenic Activities" Presentation delivered as part of the graduate course Tropical Ecosystems: Changes and Tendencies in Response to Anthropogenic Activities of the Doctoral Program at the Biology Department of University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez. March,
- 2008 "Policy, the Environment and Society: Teachers as Agents of Social Change" [Política Pública, Ambiente y Sociedad: El magisterio como agente de cambio social] Joint presentation delivered with Dr. Cecilio Ortiz Garcia at the teacher's workshop "Centración XI: Los ejes transversales en la acción pedagógica" at the UPR-Ponce. February.
- 2008 "Chemical Engineers and Environmental Issues in Puerto Rico" [El ingeniero químico y los asuntos ambientales en Puerto Rico] Joint presentation delivered with Dr. Cecilio Ortiz Garcia to chemical engineering undergraduate students at UPRM. February.
- 2008 "Iniciativas de Educación Ambiental" [Environmental Education Initiatives] Presentation delivered at the Eco-conciencia Colegial Symposium organized by the student organization Movimiento Ambiental Colegial and Campus Verde. February.
- 2008 Environmental Policy and Society: Teachers as Agents of Social Change" Workshop delivered to teachers participating the the Centracion XI: Ejes transversales en la accion pedagogica. UPR-Ponce.
- 2008 The Role of the Chemical Engineer in Solving Environmental Issues in PR. Talk delivered to doctoral students of the Chemical Engineering Program at UPRM.
- 2008 "No existen los problemas ambientales: Hacia la interdiscipliniedad en el estudio y manejo del medio ambiente" [Environmental Problems Do Not Exist: Towards an Interdisciplinary Approach to Environmental Studies and Management.] Presentation delivered with Dr. Cecilio Ortiz Garcia at the University of Puerto Rico-Ponce invited by the student organization Universitarios Pro el Ambiente y la Biodiversidad. February.
- 2007 "No entiendo porque pasan estas cosas: las ciencias ambientales descubren la sociología ambiental." [But I don't Understand Why this Things Happen: Environmental Sciences Meet Environmental Sociology.] Presentation delivered at the ITES 50th Anniversary Symposium titled Legacy of the Rain Forest Project in El Yunque and the Future of Environmental Sciences in PR. Celebrated at UPRRP, in November 26.
- 2007 "Los desastres NO son naturales: la sociología del riesgo y la vulnerabilidad social" Presentation delivered at the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo. August.
- 2007 "Sociological Aspects of the Energy Problem of Puerto Rico" Presentation delivered at panel on social and economic aspects of energy in Puerto Rico of the Forum "In Agreement with Sustainable Energy, and now, how to get there?" ["De acuerdo con la Energía Sostenible y Ahora ¿Cómo llegar allí?"] at the University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez. May.

- 2007 "Sociology of Disasters: Development, Vulnerability and Risk" Presentation delivered at the Graduate School of Public Administration Roberto Sanchez Vilella-UPRRP, as part of a conference series on Administration and Development. April.
- 2007 "Designing a Successful Community Service Project: Contributions of the Sociological Thinking." Presentation/Workshop delivered at the 31st District Conference of the Altrusa International, Inc. at Guayanilla, PR. April.
- 2007 "Cambio Climático Global y Desastres Naturales: Retos para la Administración Pública en el Siglo XXI" [Global Climate Change and Natural Disasters: Challenges for the Public Administration of the XXI Century] Presentation delivered at the Gaia & Climate Change International Conference in collaboration with Dr. Cecilio Ortiz-García from the Graduate School of Public Administration UPRRP. University of Puerto Rico at Río Piedras. April.
- 2007 "Environmental Education Projects and Community Participation: The Case of the Río Grande de Añasco Watershed in Puerto Rico." Presentation delivered at The State of Environmental Justice in America 2007 Conference. Howard University School of Law, Washington, DC. March.
- 2007 "Environmental Problems form a Sociological Perspective" Presentation delivered at the Graduate Program in Environmental Sciences and the International Center for Environmental and Sustainability Studies (CIEMADES) of the Turabo University, Gurabo, PR. March.
- 2006 "What to do with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology?" Presentation and orientation session delivered to the 2006 first year cohort of students at the Department of Social Sciences at UPRM. August, 2006.
- 2006 "Literature Reviews: Methodological and Conceptual Dimensions." Presentation and workshop delivered to the 2006 cohort of interns at the Minority Serving Institution Initiative Orientation of the Population Fellows Program. School of Public Health, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. May.
- 2006 "Aspectos metodológicos del avalúo de campañas educativas" [Methodological Aspects of Assessing Educational Campaigns] Lecture for the graduate level course Research Methods in Public Administration, at the School of Public Administration of the University of Puerto Rico-Río Piedras Campus. February.
- 2006 "Diseño y Avalúo de la Campaña Educativa para la Cuenca Hidrográfica del Río Grande de Añasco" [Design and Assessment of the Educational Campaign for the Río Grande de Añasco Watershed] Lecture for the course Politics of Environmental Issues. Department of Political Sciences, at the Interamerican University-San Germán Campus. January.
- 2005 "Racial and Ethnic Vulnerability in Disaster Situations: The Case of Hurricane Katrina." Presentation delivered at the panel on Environmental Impact of Hurricane Katrina: Lessons of the Future of 10th Annual National Hispanic Sustainable Energy & Environmental Conference of the National Hispanic Environmental Council in Seattle, WA. November.
- 2005 Paper Discussant in the Disasters Session "Disasters from Below: A Victims' Centered Approach to Sociology of Disasters" at the 2005 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August, 2005.
- 2005 "Environmental Sociology: the Relationship between Environmental Education Programs and Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making" Guest Speaker in the Seminar Series of the Environmental Studies Program at University of Puerto Rico-Río Piedras. March.

- 2005 "Avalúo de iniciativas en educación ambiental: Diseño e implementación de complementos curriculares sobre la cuenca hidrográfica del Río Grande de Añasco." (Assessment of Environmental Education Initiatives: Design and partial implementation of curricular supplements about the Rio Grande de Añasco Watershed; Co-authored presentation at the VIII Puerto Rican Conference on Research in Education - Democratic education, equity and diversity. University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras. March.
- 2005 "Educational Campaigns and Public Participation in Environmental Management: An ongoing effort to promote civil engagement in watershed management through environmental education." Distinguished Guest Lecture at University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Invited by the Deanship of Arts and Sciences, the Department of Behavioral Sciences and the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute. January.
- 2004 "Synergistic Partnership for Research and Education on Functional and Nanostructured Materials" Co-Poster Presentation at the Nanotechnology Conference "Engineered Nanoparticles: Can They be Harmful?" Co-authored by O.M. Suárez, O. Perales, J. Santos, C. Rinaldi, O. Uwakweh, E. Hellstrom, M. Tomar, and S. P. Singh. December.
- 2004 "Sociología de la Energía" Lecture for the graduate course Advanced Energy Conversion (INEL 6025), Department of Electric Engineering, College of Engineering at UPRM. November.
- 2004 "Diseño y avalúo de los complementos curriculares para Ciencias Naturales y Ciencias Sociales de K-12mo grado creados para la campaña educativa del CIMP." Presentation on the Stakeholder Forum of the Comprehensive Integrative Management Plan for the Mayaguez Bay Watershed Annual Meeting. At the Mayaguez Holiday Inn, November.
- 2004 "Los Medios de Comunicación en Masa y la Vulnerabilidad a Desastres" Presentation delivered at the Social Sciences Colloquium Series of the Department of Social Sciences at UPRM. October, 2004.
- 2004 "Infusing Research in the Upper Division Curriculum through Students Participation in Research Conferences." Presentation for the breakout session about research conferences at the ASA IDA Capstone Conference. June, 2004, Maryland.
- 2004 "A Talk about Graduate School Application process." Presentation delivered to Seniors Students at the Department of Social Sciences, UPRM. October 28.
- 2002 "Your baby eats what you eat: Communicating a complex message to a population most at risk" Paper presented at the Fifth Annual Women in Science Symposium on Environmental Justice and Community Health Issues. Organized by EOHHSI-UMDNJ and Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey on November 2002, at New Brunswick, NJ.
- 2002 "Re-thinking Media Uses in Natural Disaster Situations: A New Focus on the Impact phase." Paper presented at the Disasters Session of the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL. August.

INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE

- 2018-Present UPR's representative at the National Council for Science and the Environment (www.ncseglobal.org)
- 2018-Present Representative of the College of Arts and Sciences in the UPRM's Institutional Review Board Committee.

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- 2018 – Present UPR representative at the Global Resilience Institute’s Global Resilience Research Network (<https://globalresilience.northeastern.edu/network/>)
- 2014-15 Member of an institutional team in charge of identifying the needs of athletes to inform decision-making strategies.
- 2014-15 Member of a team in charge of developing a catalog of resources in energy and sustainability in the UPR System and the analysis of institutional limitations and barriers to interdisciplinary and intercampus collaborations and research.
- 2012-13 Faculty Member at the Joint Master’s Program in Electrical Engineering between University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez and the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, teaching the course in Energy and Society
- 2012-13 Member of the curriculum committee of the Department of Social Sciences at UPRM.
- 2009 President of the Departmental Committee to recommend candidates to the position of department chair. Department of Social Sciences at UPRM.
- 2007-08 Coordinator of the Sustainability Thrust of ITEAS (Tropical Institute of Energy, Environment and Society).
- 2006-07 Member of the Institutional Assessment Committee for the design of an evaluation instrument for teaching performance at University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez.
- 2005-07 Member of the Institutional Committee for the Creation of a Certificate Program in Environmental Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Sciences at University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez.
- 2003 - 2005 Member of the Committee for the Creation of a Graduate Program in Applied Social Research, Department of Social Sciences at University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez.
- 2004 Member of the Departmental Committee to examine curricular changes for the General Social Sciences Program. Department of Social Sciences at University of PR at Mayaguez.
- 2003-2004 Member of the Departmental Assessment Committee, Department of Social Sciences at University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez.

SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES

- 2018 Academic Representative on the US Environmental Protection Agency’s National Advisory Committee.
- 2018-19 Co-coordinator of the Global Convergence Laboratory - Study Abroad in Puerto Rico (ARCH 5250), at University of Minnesota. <http://environment.umn.edu/leadership/acara/courses-programs/study-abroad/#arch5250-top> / <https://www.umnconvergencepuertorico.org/umn-about>
- 2018-19 Co-coordinator of the Study Abroad Course titled “Public Health in Crisis” for the State University of New York-Albany. https://ualbany.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10623

- 2018-19 Collaborator with the Puerto Rico Recovery Assistance Legal Clinic at the State University of New York Law School at Buffalo <http://www.law.buffalo.edu/beyond/clinics/puerto-rico-recovery-assistance-legal-clinic.html>
- 2018 Reviewer for the book "Emerging Voices in Natural Hazards Research Special Populations".
- 2018 Reviewer for CENTRO, the Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College
- 2018 UPR Representative to the Council of Environmental Deans and Directors, National Council for Science and the Environment, Washington DC. April 2018-Present.
- 2017 Co-founder of the RISE-PR (Resiliency through Innovation in Sustainable Energy for Puerto Rico) Interuniversity Collaborative Platform in partnership with the School for the Future of Innovation in Society at Arizona State University, Tempe AZ.
- 2017 Member of Dissertation Committee for PhD students at the Scholl of Sustainability of Arizona State University.
- 2015 Co-founder and steering committee member of the National Institute of Energy and Island Sustainability (INESI) of the University of Puerto Rico.
- 2015 – 2016 Member of the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Economic Development
- 2014-2016 Mentor of the Delta Student Society at the Department of Social Sciences, UPRM.
- 2013-Present Funding Member of the Agenda Ciudadana Foundation
- 2011-2016 Vice-president and Researcher at Environmental Policy Solutions, Inc.
- 2010 – Present Member of the Editorial Board of the Academic Journal Sociological Inquiry.
- 2010 – 2011 Affiliated Faculty Member of the Doctoral Program in Environmental Sciences at University of Puerto Rico-Río Piedras
- 2009 – Present Technical advisor for the Energy Stakeholder Roundtable of PR.
- 2009 – 2010 Co-Developer of the "Social Impact Module" for the CIVIS project at UPRM
- 2009 Co-Author of the Memorandum of Agreement between UPRM and Aspenall Energies, LLC to create the first Wind Energy Lab of Puerto Rico. (Signed in 2009)
- 2008 – 2013 Faculty Coordinator of the project "Sustainable Development for Rural Communities: Social, Health, Economic, and Environmental Advances" at UPRM.
- 2008 – 2010 Affiliated Faculty to the NSF-IGERT "INTELLIGENT DIAGNOSTICS for Aging Civil Infrastructure (ID-ACI)" at UPRM-Faculty of Engineering and Northeastern University.
- 2008- 2010 Affiliated Faculty to the NSF-IGERT "Natural/Human Systems in the Urbanizing Tropics" at the Biology Department, the Environmental Science Graduate Program and the Crest-Center for Applied Tropical Ecology and Conservation at University of Puerto Rico-Río Piedras.

- 2007-Present Coordinator of the creation, development and implementation of a minor concentration in Environmental Sociology and Policy at the Sociology Program of the Department of Social Sciences UPRM.
- 2007-Present Co-author of the proposal for the creation of ITEAS and member of its Executive Committee (Instituto Tropical de Energía, Ambiente y Sociedad) at University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez.
- 2007-Present Author of the Memorandum of Understanding for the creation of a UPRM Research Follow-up Experience for the Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP) at UIC and program coordinator. (Signed in 2008)
- 2007 Member of the group of experts invited to participate in the roundtable "Facing the Consequences of Climate Change in Puerto Rico" to produce scientifically based proposals to government agencies to face global warming.
- 2007-2008 Coordinator of the Sustainability Thrust of ITEAS (Tropical Institute of Energy, Environment and Society).
- 2006 Member of the Interdisciplinary Group for the Development of Environmental Capacity at the UPR.
- 2006 Invited author of a paper about the design, implementation and assessment of educational campaigns for the Journal of Public Administration of the School of Public Administration at the University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras.
- 2005 Co-author of Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Social Sciences at UPRM and the Population Fellows Program at UMICH to establish a UPRM Follow-Up Program to the Hispanic Serving Institutions Initiative Summer Internship and program coordinator. (Submitted on August, 2004. Approved and signed on March 11th, 2005.)
- 2004-2006 Board Member of the Minority Serving Institution Summer Initiative of the Population Fellows Program of the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.
- 2005 Coordinator of the participation a group of seven UPRM student from the Department of Social Sciences in the 10th Annual National Hispanic Sustainable Energy & Environmental Conference of the National Hispanic Environmental Council in Seattle, WA. November, 2005.
- 2005 Invited Organizer of the Disasters Session "Disasters from Above: Managers' Perspectives and Policy Implications" at the 2005 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August, 2005.
- 2005 Invited Organizer of the Disasters Session "Disasters from Below: A Victims' Centered Approach to Sociology of Disasters" at the 2005 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August, 2005.
- 2005 Judge of the Regional Scientific Fair in Behavioral Sciences. Department of Education, Mayaguez Region. 2nd semester of the academic year 2004-2005.
- 2005 – Present Member of the Environment and Society Group at the Center for Applied Social Research (CISA), UPRM.
- 2004 – Present Member of the Techno-Social Studies Group at UPRM

- 2004-2007 Mentor of the UPRM Follow-Up Program to the Minority Serving Institutions Initiative Summer Internship. Department of Social Sciences at University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez and the Population Fellows Program of the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.
- 2004 Program Coordinator for EPA's National Network for Environmental Management Studies (NMEMS).
- 2004 Reviewer for the Special Issue on Disasters for the International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy (IJSSP).
- 2002-Present Faculty Mentor for the Sociology Student Union at University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez.
- 2002 Elected School Official (member of the Grievances Committee) at the Greater Brunswick Charter School, New Brunswick, New Jersey.
- 2001 Parent's Workshop "Multiculturalism, Prejudice, and Discrimination: How to talk to your children about diversity." Delivered to parents of the Puerto Rican Action Board Mario Gonzalez Child Development Center on May 23, 2001.
- 2000 Presider of the session "Environmental Sociology: Organization and Equity Issues" at the 95th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Celebrated in Washington, D.C. in August, 2000.
- 1999 – 2000 Graduate Student Representative in the Committee for Undergraduate Teaching. Department of Sociology at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

COURSES CREATED

Minor in Environmental Sociology and Policy
 Social Research Applied to Energy Issues
 Sociology of Disasters
 Energy, Society and the Environment
 Introduction to Environmental Sociology
 Human Dimensions of Environmental Change

NOMINATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- 2014 Nomination for the Position of Dean of Students at UPRM
- 2014 Nomination for the Position of Dean of Arts and Sciences at UPRM
- 2014 Recognition to Teaching Excellence, Department of Social Sciences UPRM
- 2014 Recognition to Excellence in Research, Department of Social Sciences UPRM
- 2007 Dedication of the XVI Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium: The Contributions of Undergraduate Students to Applied Social Sciences by the Sociology Student Union of the University of PR-Mayaguez.

- 2005 Interview published in the MSI Newsletter emphasizing contribution and mentorship in the first research follow-up program for the Population Fellows Program in the nation.
- 2005 Recognized as Distinguished Lecturer by the Distinguished Lecture Series of the Deanship of Arts and Sciences at UTPB
- 2002 Recognized as an Honorable Mention Scholar by the Minority Fellowship Committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 1998 Graduate School Fellowship for Doctoral Study in Sociology
Graduate School, New Brunswick. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

NEWS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2018 "Princeton University hosts artists, scholars from Puerto Rico." Article and podcast by Peter Crimmins, published by WHYY, Philadelphia and Delaware. <https://whyy.org/segments/princeton-university-hosts-artists-scholars-from-puerto-rico/>
- 2018 Visiting Scholars and Artists from Puerto Rico (VISAPUR). Summer Visiting Scholar at the electronic page of the Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University. July. (<https://plas.princeton.edu/people/visiting-scholars-artists-puerto-rico>) (<https://plas.princeton.edu/people/marla-perez-lugo>)
- 2018 "New program helps Puerto Rican scholars research impacts of Hurricane Maria." Article written by Katie Tam and published by The Daily Princetonian. July. <http://www.dailyprincetonian.com/article/2018/07/new-program-helps-puerto-rican-scholars-research-impacts-of-hurricane-maria>
- 2018 "Green Energy Colonialism? Local Experts Left Out of Puerto Rico's Post-Hurricane Energy Planning" by Emma Foehringer Merchant March 08. Greentech Media. <https://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/green-energy>.
- 2017 "Coming Out of the Dark: Puerto Rico seeks to restore its way of life by clinging to diesel and gasoline, increasing even more the cost of living, a cycle that, according to experts, should give way to energy "democratization". October 8. (<https://www.elnuevodia.com/english/english/nota/comingoutofthedark-2364260/>)
- 2018 "Energy Colonialism Powers the Ongoing Unnatural Disaster in Puerto Rico" by Catalina M. de Onís Perspective article. Front. Commun., 29 January (<https://doi.org/10.3389/fcomm.2018.00002>)
- 2017 Future Out Loud – Engaging conversation on science. Puerto Rican energy researchers Marla Perez Lugo and Cecilio Ortiz Garcia join Andrew Maynard and Heather Ross to talk about their ongoing research and plans to rebuild and modernize the energy grid in Puerto Rico. November 9. <https://futureoutloud.org>
- 2017 "Puerto Rican Energy Researchers Excluded from Island's Energy Transition Deliberations." By Catalina de Onís. Latino Rebels. www.latinorebels.com/2017/10/16/puerto-rican-energy-researchers.