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Education:	<i>Boston Theological School, Boston University</i>	Boston, Massachusetts
	Ph.D. Doctorate Biblical Studies and Sociology	2006
	Dissertation on collective identity, social movements, and biblical prophets.	
	<i>Andover Newton Theological School</i>	Newton, Massachusetts
	MAR. Master in Arts and Religion	1988
	<i>Medicine School, University of Puerto Rico</i>	Río Piedras, Puerto Rico
	MS. Master in Microbiology and Medical Zoology, Magna Cum Laude	1981
	<i>University of Puerto Rico</i>	Río Piedras, Puerto Rico
	Bachelor in Biology and Chemistry, Magna Cum Laude	1978
Work Experience:	<i>Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America</i>	2019 to present
	Interim Executive Director	Charlotte, North Carolina
	<i>Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico</i>	2014 to 2019
	President and Hebrew Bible & Missions Professor	Río Piedras, Puerto Rico
	<i>International Ministries of American Baptist Churches-Puerto Rico</i>	1990 to 2013
	Bible and OT Professor, Leadership training	Central America, U.E., and Puerto Rico
	<i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>	1989-1990
	Research Assistant	Cambridge, Massachusetts
	<i>Boston V. A. Medical Centre</i>	1988-1989
	Medical Technologist	Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts
	<i>Medicine School, University of Puerto Rico</i>	1982-1986
	Instructor and Assistant Professor	Río Piedras, Puerto Rico
Board Memberships	<i>Center for Sexually Transmitted Diseases</i>	1981-1982
	Research Supervisor.	Río Piedras, Puerto Rico
	<i>In Trust Center, Board Member, 2020-2023</i>	
Projects Development	<i>Princeton Theological Seminary, Board Member, 2020-2023</i>	
	<i>Association of Theological Schools (ATS), Board member, 2016-2020</i>	
	<i>Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA)</i>	Charlotte, North Carolina
	Interim Executive Director	2019 to present
	Chief Executive Director responsible to the Board of Directors for the management of the organization. Provide stability and continuity to the mission of the organization during a two-year time of transition. Work in collaboration with board of directors, staff, members and partners to become an <i>anti-racist, multicultural and decentralized organization</i> . Oversee aspects of programs, projects and events, as well as monitor fundraising, budget administration, networking and donor and organizational relations.	



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Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico (ESPR)

Río Piedras, Puerto Rico

President, Hebrew Bible & Missions professor

2014 to 2019

Chief Executive Academic and Administrative Officer of the ESPR of Evangelical-Reformed tradition responsible to the Board of Directors for the management of all facets of the life of the institution. Distance supervision of processes and staff while traveling. Coordination of initiatives with volunteers to serve training needs of religious leadership in new areas of ministry – Ecotheology, Spiritual Formation and Missions. Engaged a diversity of organizations in USA, Latin America and the Caribbean. Wrote fundraising proposals and effectively coordinated teams enabling new programs and recruiting new faculty members. Fundraised over a million dollars in 4 years. Directed and coordinated the renewal, rebuilding, restoration and reopening of the school after the devastations of Hurricanes Irma and María in September 2017.

Intercultural Mayan Seminary

San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas, México

Academic Coordination, Bible and OT Professor

2004-2013

- Collaboration in the design, planning and implementation of an intercultural theological school for indigenous Mayan and Mexican students at the Bachelor, Diploma and Certificate levels. Established goals and objectives, norms and rules for internal functioning, curriculum design. Implemented and supervised curriculum, educational methods and academic programs, recruitment and evaluation of teachers, maintenance of academic records and academic counseling. Management of budget. Designed and delivery of courses, workshops, etc., and created educational materials for all levels.
- Coordination and development of a solidarity economy textile project *Sk'inal Nichimetik* with 23 Tseltal Mayan women. Designed and implemented personal development programs. Wrote proposals and managed fundraising and budgets. Deliver workshops and courses in Solidary economy, Collective values, Gender and Women's rights. Coordinated visiting groups.

Center of Humanistic Studies S.A. (Baptist Seminary of Mexico-SBM)

City of México

Academic Dean, Bible and OT Professor

1998-2004

Coordination of academic programs, Chair of academic deans of a consortium of theological schools at the *Comunidad Teológica de México*. Design and delivery of courses in the areas of Bible (OT, Cultural Background, Prophets, History of Israel, Biblical Hebrew, etc.) integrating the Cs. Social, Indigenous culture, gender and the construction of peace. Creation of educational materials.

Center for Intercultural Missions (Centro de Estudios de Misión Intercultural -CEMI)

Puerto Rico

Co-developer and Coordinator

2004, 2009, 2013-2014

- Collaboration in the proposal, design, planning and development strategy of a center for mission studies and mission promotion in association with denominational objectives. Curriculum design and coordination of a missionary training program for lay people. Directed modifications to become a Certificate program at the ESPR.

Caribbean Theological Center

Limón, Costa Rica

Co-developer and Academic Coordinator

1991-1997

- Collaboration in the proposal, design, planning and development strategy of a center for human development and biblical studies. Curriculum design of a bachelor, diploma and certificate study program. Collaborator in designing a development initiative later becoming a farmer's cooperative. Coordination of visiting groups.

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Teaching Experience:

Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico

Río Piedras, Puerto Rico

Adjunct Professor of Christian Mission & Hebrew Bible Professor

2004 to 2019

Design and delivery of courses in Biblical themes (Old Testament, Cultural Background, Prophets, History of Israel and Missions.) integrating Social sciences knowledge. Preparation of materials, syllabi, exams and correction of papers, quizzes, presentations, grading of students. Use of interactive teaching methods – dynamics, music, videos, presentations, small groups discussions, book summaries and book reports. Consistently attained excellent students' feedbacks.

Center for Intercultural Missions (Centro de Estudios de Misión Intercultural -CEMI) Puerto Rico
Professor 2004, 2009, 2013-2014

Design and delivery of courses in Biblical and theological foundations for missionary work, vocation, intercultural intelligence, short missionary projects discussions, assessment and evaluation. Preparation of materials, syllabi, exams and correction of papers, quizzes, presentations, grading of students. Coordination of professors to fill the needs of the program.

Intercultural Mayan Seminary

San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas, México

Academic Coordinator, Bible and OT Professor

2004-2013

Design and delivery of courses in the areas of Bible (OT, Cultural Background, Prophets, History of Israel, Biblical Hebrew, etc.) integrating the Cs. Social, Maya culture, gender and the construction of peace. Creation of educational materials and implementation of comprehensive development programs for indigenous and women's groups

Center of Humanistic Studies S.A. (Baptist Seminary of Mexico-SBM)

City of México

Academic Dean, Bible and OT Professor

1998-2004

Design and delivery of courses in the areas of Bible (OT, Cultural Background, Prophets, History of Israel, Biblical Hebrew, etc.) integrating the Cs. Social, Indigenous culture, gender and the construction of peace. Creation of educational materials.

Caribbean Theological Center

Limón, Costa Rica

Bible and OT Professor

1991-1997

Design and delivery of courses in the areas of Bible (AT, Cultural Background, Prophets, History of Israel, Biblical Hebrew, etc.) and health associated themes.

Boston V. A. Medical Centre.

Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts

Medical Technologist

1988-1989

Diagnosis of clinical samples, delivery of microbiology courses in English.

Establishment, coordination and participation in weekly discussions of scientific journals.

School of Medicine, University of Puerto Rico

Río Piedras, Puerto Rico

Assistant Professor

1984-1986

Design and teaching of courses in microbiology, virology and associated areas.

Coordination of microbiology programs for Pharmacy and Medical Technology groups.

Consulting Experience

Consulting services in the development of a Master in Theology for Hispanic persons.

Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, Kentucky. June 2021-Present.

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“Cross Cultural Competence: Understanding borders, Racism and becoming transformed in the process.” Prepared and provided workshops to churches interested in approaching Hispanic communities. First Baptist Church of Scottsdale, Phoenix, AZ. January 19-21, 2019.

["Wisdom Elder" Women in Leadership](#) ATS Mentoring Program 2018-2019.

Chair of the Committee on Human Sexuality of the Baptist Churches of Puerto Rico. (2014-2016.) Guided the processes of the Committee to analyze the issues surrounding this theme to arrive as a body and in consensus to affirmations and / or attitudes regarding the human being, its integrity, and human dignity. The committee developed the blueprint of an educational program on “Being human” providing a comprehensive understanding on this theme and other similar complex postmodern issues facing churches on the protestant traditions.

Consulting services for Intercultural Workshop to the BPFNA Board “Richness and shadows: Embrace it all” October 22, 2015.

Coordinated and directed a team of faculty members to provide Intercultural knowledge experience to a delegation of the Presbyterian Northeast Synod based on their initiative “A New Way Forward.” 27-28 April 2015.

Reception Of groups

Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico

Río Piedras, Puerto Rico

Chief Advocate to a diversity of ecumenical groups and associations
to encourage the visit of groups and volunteers.

2014 to Present

Intercultural Mayan Seminary

San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas, Mx. 2004-2012

Center of Humanistic Studies S.A

Distrito Federal, México 1998-2003

Caribbean Theological Center.

Limón, Costa Rica 1991-1997

Group Coordinator – short missionary groups and visitors

Collaborator in the planning, coordination, accompaniment and evaluation of events and encounters for visiting groups numbering from three to twenty persons from the United States and Puerto Rico to Central America. Organized groups’ experiences of intercultural growth and awareness. Creation and preparation of educational materials for visiting groups.

Research Experience: Academic and Scientific

Boston Theological School, Boston University

Boston, Massachusetts

Ph.D. Doctorate Biblical Studies and Sociology

2006

Dissertation on collective identity, social movements and prophets.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Research assistant

1989-1990

Development, coordination and publication of a research project in the regulation of iron synthesis. Coordination and participation in weekly discussions of scientific journals.

Center for Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Río Piedras, Puerto Rico

Research Supervisor

1981-1982

Direction and coordination of research projects. Preparation of publications. Establishment of immunofluorescence techniques of monoclonal antibodies for the identification of Herpes Simplex type 1 and 2 in high-risk populations.

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Technological Experience:

Above the average knowledge of MAC and Windows systems, Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Publisher and Excel). Moderate knowledge of Windows Live Movie Maker and Music Editor Free for creating videos and editing music. Knowledge and use of Moodle LMS for distance education, Google Classroom and Google apps. Above the average knowledge of social media – fb, twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp and LinkedIn.

Courses:

Graduate Level: Old Testament I, II, Cultural Context of the OT, OT Theologies, Theologies of Missions, Missions, Biblical Hebrew (Introduction, Intermediate), Exegesis of the OT (Prophets – Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, Job), Methods for Historical Analysis. Interculturality in the OT. Some of these courses were developed with an intercultural approach. **Undergraduate:** Old Testament I, II, Cultural Context of the OT, OT Theologies, Theologies of Missions, Missions, Biblical Hebrew (Introduction), Eschatology, Wisdom Literature, Psalms, Job, Apocalyptic Literature, Revelations, Biblical Narrative, Prophets of the OT, History of Israel I, II, Gospel of Mark, I-II Corinthians, Research Methods, Social Movements theories.

Publications:

“Las Mujeres Bíblicas y sus Respuestas a la Vida: Cotidianidad y Misión,” en [Mujer e Iglesia, una respuesta teológica](#). San Juan: Isla Negra, 2018.

Series of short articles, updates of the Seminary and News at a diversity of denominational Web journals – PCUSA, Global Ministries – UCC/CC(DC), Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA) from 2014 to 2018.

Series of articles at *International Ministries News & Journals* 1994-2013 on Missions. By petition to International Ministries.

["Prophecy and Identity Formation: A Frame Analysis of Judean Oracles against Foreign Alliances"](#) Ph.D. dis. School of Theology, Boston University. April 2006.

[Comentario a Essays from the Diaspora](#). Autor Luis Rivera-Pagán en *Boletín Informativo del Centro Basilea de Investigación y Apoyo*, A.C. No. 8, Oct-Dic, 2002.

["La Comunidad y Job: Valores en Conflicto"](#) *Oikodomein* 6, No. 7, (Nov. 2000): 9-21.

"Recounting the Story" *Minister* Vol. XVII, No. 1 (Spring 1997).

["Regulation of Ferritin and Heme Oxygenase synthesis in rat fibroblasts by different forms of iron."](#) *PNAS* 88 (February 1991): 688-692.

["Analysis by Fluorescence Microscopy and Flow Cytometry of Monoclonal Antibodies"](#) *Puerto Rico Health Science Journal* 7, No 1, (1988): 35.

"Antimicrobial Susceptibility and epidemiology of PPNG in Puerto Rico" *Puerto Rico Health Science Journal* 3, No. 4, (1984): 187.

["Identification and typing of Herpes Simplex viruses with Monoclonal Antibodies"](#) *JCM* 16 (1982): 205.

Presentations, Conferences, & Workshops:

Frequent lecturer, keynote speaker, preacher and workshop facilitator since 1982 in P.R., U.S.A., Mexico, Central America. Themes – interculturality, missions, methods in Theo. Ed., biblical interpretation, social movements, international collaboration, identity, virology health. Languages used – English or Spanish. For a complete list please contact me.

“Construyendo la esperanza, ... aquí.” / “Building hope, ... here.”

[2021 CHM Commencement Speaker](#) Lexington Theological Seminary, June 4, 2021. Lexington, KY.

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“Where will your footprints lead?” [2021 Commencement Speaker](#) Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. May 27, 2021. Louisville, KY.

“Soaring into the Night: Remapping the theological star chart.” Keynote speaker. 25th Anniversary of the Hispanic Theological Initiative, Princeton Theological Seminary, NJ. March 22, 2021.

[A Biblical Perspective on Diversity](#) . Webinar hosted by In Trust Center. April 21, 2020 with Follow Up Webinar “Q & R” on May 26, 2020.

“Ministras del Reino: teologías e incidencias” Primer retiro de la Mujer en el Ministerio. Candelero, Humacao, 17-18 mayo 2019. (Ministers of the Kingdom: Theologies and Incidents. Keynote speaker)

“The Shack: A theological dialogue.” Response to William Paul Young, author. First Baptist Church of Rio Piedras. March 6, 2019.

“Cross Cultural Competence: Understanding borders and becoming transformed in the process” First Baptist Church of Scottsdale, Phoenix AR. January 19-20, 2019.

“Who are the Strangers? Identity, Discourse, and Orlando Costas’ holistic missionary understanding.” [Orlando E. Costas and Rose Costas Lecture](#). Keynote Speaker. Andover Newton at Yale Divinity School, Yale, New Jersey, November 19, 2018.

“La mujer, mediadora de un evangelio desde el pensamiento y el corazón.” Dialogo. Conferencista en [Congreso 501 Años de la Reforma Protestante](#). InterMetro, Guaynabo, PR. 2 de noviembre 2018. (“Women, mediator of a Gospel from the Heart and the Mind.” Speaker at Congress on 501 Years of Protestant Reform.)

“Hablando de poder y otras cosas: Discurso, poder y reconstrucción de la identidad.” Conferencia Magistral en XII Encuentro de Pastorales Latinoamericanas. Best Western Plus Condado Palm Inn & Suites, San Juan, PR. 3-6 de julio 2018. (“Speaking about power and other things: Discourse, Power and Reconstruction of Identities.” Keynote speaker. XII Encounter of Latin American Female Pastors.)

“Hope, Resilience and Visions after Maria.” Keynote Speaker to Disciples Women’s Gathering at the Disciples of Christ of Virginia Region Assembly. Lynchburg, Virginia. June 2, 2018.

“Colony, Theology and Word. A contextual view of present Puerto Rican crisis,” and “Response to Teresa Delgado’s book *Decolonizing Theology*,” Speaker and Preacher at Herencia Worship Service. Conversations at Herencia Lectures, Co-speaker with Dr. Luis Rivera-Pagan. Princeton Theological Seminary, April 13, 2018.

“Migración e Inmigración puertorriqueña en Estados Unidos” Conferencista 9no Simposio Misionológico. Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico, Mamey, PR. 25 de agosto, 2017. (“Puerto Rican migration and immigration” Speaker at 9th Missionological Symposium. Baptist Churches of PR.)

“Connecting: How far will you go? Luke 15:6-18.” An Intercultural Bible Study at 2017 Biennial Mission Summit of the American Baptist Churches. June 29 – July 2, 2017, Portland, Ohio.

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“Pentecostés: Hablando el Idioma del Extranjero.” Congreso sobre Migración. Iglesia Presbiteriana de Caparra Terrace, San Juan, sábado 3 de junio 2017. (“Pentecost: Speaking the language of the Stranger.” Keynote speaker. Congress on Migration. Presbyterian Church of Caparra Terrace.)

“Sostenibilidad de la Educación teológica ecuménica” Matanzas, Cuba 3 de octubre, 2016. (Sustainability of Ecumenical theological education)

“Abrazando nuevos horizontes” Hispanic/Latino caucus United Methodist Church [MARCHA 2016](#), 5 de agosto, 2016. (Embracing New Horizons)

“Scholarship, Activism, and Theological Vocation: the ecumenical vision of Puerto Rican women theologians” June 2016, [Women's Consultation on Constructive Theology](#). Catholic Theological Society of America.

“Retos y Contexto de PR en la Educación Teológica,” 1ra Consulta Teológica Bautista de LA, Caribe y España. Managua, Nicaragua. 26-28 febrero 2016. (Challenges and Context of Theological Education in PR)

“No Longer Strangers: Crossing borders for peace making” Workshop on Intercultural Intelligence for BPFNA Board members. Charlotte, NC. October 10, 2015.

“No Longer Strangers” Bible studies series facilitator at Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA) Summer Camp, Eastern Mennonite University - Harrisonburg, VA 6-10 July 2015. [Baptist Peacemaker 35-4](#)

“*Migración: desafíos pastorales y eclesiales*” Mesa Nacional CLAI-Puerto Rico 29 de octubre de 2014. (Migration: pastoral and ecclesial challenges, National Latin American Council of Churches - PR)

“My Journey as a woman of color in academia” Keynote speaker for the Women of Color in Ministry (WOCIM) Project launch event. New York, Oct 18, 2014.

“Ecumenismo y Palabra de Dios,” X Encuentro teológico de la Asociación teológica Ecuménica Mexicana - “El Ecumenismo en México: Signos y Desafíos.” (ATEM), Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mx. 8 al 11 de abril de 2013. (Ecumenism and God’s Word, X Theological Encounter: Ecumenism in Mexico: Signs and Challenges – Mexican Ecumenical Theological Association)

“Desafíos del liderazgo en el siglo XXI,” 2da Conferencia Gustavo Parajón, Auspiciado por Consejo Iglesias Evangélicas Pro-Alianza Denominacional (CEPAD). Managua, Nicaragua, Abril 17-19, 2013. (Leadership Challenges in XXI century, 2nd Gustavo Parajon Conference – Evangelical Council of Churches of Nicaragua)

“Arte y Comunicación como estrategia para la enseñanza de una cultura de Paz” en XII Congreso Puertorriqueño de Investigación en la Educación. Universidad de Puerto Rico, Recinto de Río Piedras, Río Piedras, PR. Jueves, 7 de marzo de 2013. (Art and Communication as a teaching strategy for a Peace Culture – XII Puerto Rican Research Congress for Education, University of PR)

“Interculturalidad Bíblica: Reto homilético” 1^{er} Instituto de Predicación Engle - El Estado de la Predicación en español: Retos y Oportunidades. Auspiciado por School of Christian Vocation and Mission, Princeton Theological Seminary Universidad Interamericana de Puerto

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Rico y Centro de Estudios de los Dominicanos del Caribe. Río Piedras, PR, 13-16 nov. 2012 (Biblical Interculturality: A Homiletic Challenge, 1st Engle Institute of Preaching – Princeton Theological Seminary School for Vocation and Mission)

“Nuevos paradigmas de interpretación bíblico-teológica desde la teología latinoamericana” en Congreso Amerindio - Jornada Teológica “Esperanza de Liberación y Teología” Comunidad Teológica de México, DF, Mx. 5 al 8 de octubre 2011. (New Biblical-theological Interpretation paradigms in Latin American Theology – Amerindian Congress Theological and Liberation Hope, Mexican Theological Community)

Research Interest:

Intercultural challenges in theological education, Framing theory on Social movements and Diversity discourse reinterpretation, Literary and cultural analysis of prophetic texts.

Academic Interest:

Interculturality in the Bible and Society, Liberation Biblical Interpretation, Cultural Context of Ancient Middle East, Popular processes of education and biblical interpretation, Social movements, Narrative analysis.

Awards:

[Associated Church Press Award of Merit](#) for "[With hands in the Clay: Re-creating New Realities, Imagining a Just World without Violence.](#)" in *Baptist Peacemaker Journal*.

Personal Interest:

Reading Science fiction, Fantasy and some Novels. I write poetry, play guitar and sing.

Affiliations:

Society of Biblical Literature, Ordained Minister ABC-PR, The Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA), Theological Ecumenical Association of Mexico (ATEM).

Languages:

Spanish is my mother language. Excellent reading, writing and speaking English skills. Fully bilingual in English and Spanish. Average reading of Biblical Hebrew. Basic reading of French and German with support. Basic Mayan Tseltal with support.

Abilities:

Effective relational and leadership skills with excellent communication of ideas, words, and visuals. Effective team-work organization and strategic planning skills. Above average abilities on fundraising and donor relationship. Sensitive to the needs of working companions (students, faculty, staff, churches' members, pastors, business' partners). Effective conflict resolution skills. Excellent knowledge and management of a diversity of teaching methodologies. Highly competent in the supervision and organization of courses and educational activities online or presential.

Social Networks:

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Scribd: <http://es.scribd.com/dorisjg>

References:

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