

# **LUISA SEIJO-MALDONADO**

## **Director of University Institute for Community Development**

### Education

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Doctor in Practical Philosophy (Ph. D., ABD). Complutense University of Madrid, 1998

Thesis: *Critical Assessment of Community Development by Puerto Rican Universities: knowledge interchange.* (in process)

Master in Social Work, University of Puerto Rico, 1972

BA in Sociology and Social Work, Catholic University of Puerto Rico, 1970

### Teaching Experience

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University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus, Department of Social Sciences (1997 to present).

Teach: Introduction to Social Sciences, Principles of Social Work, Human Behavior and Social Environment, Rural Sociology, Community and Social Welfare System.

Member of the Curriculum Committee, Planning Department Committee and Social Sciences Research Center. Social Science Program Coordinator (2004 to present).

University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, Department of Social Work (1991-1997)

Teach: Introduction to Social Work, Social Welfare System, Social Work Practice II, Professional and Personal Development, Social Work with Groups and Communities and Social Work Practicum. Member of the Curriculum Committee. Member of the Accreditation Committee for the Council on Social Work Education.

University of Puerto Rico, Humacao Campus, Department of Social Sciences (1988-1991).

Teach: Introduction to Social Sciences, Introduction to Social Work, Community, Social Policy, Social Work Practice II and Social Work Practicum. Member of the Planning and Development Department Committee. Social Work Program Coordinator (1989-1991)

Central University of Bayamón, Department of Humanities (1983-1988).

Teach: Introduction to Social Sciences, Introduction to Social Work, Social Work with Community, Social Work with Individual and Families, Social Interaction and Communication and Social Work Practicum.

Coordinator of Social Work Practicum Experiences. Member of the Curriculum Committee.

### Coordination of Action Research Projects: University and Governmental Agencies

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2002 University Institute for Community Development, Director: Interdisciplinary project of action research in Puerto Rican communities. The model integrate students and faculty from different faculties (Art and Sciences, Engineering, Agricultural, Business Administration Sciences, Planning and Law School) of the University of Puerto Rico; and other universities (Interamerican University, Arecibo Campus, San Juan Bautista School of Medicine, Politechnical University at Hato Rey and University of Turabo). Includes workshops for faculty, students and communities leaders.

2001-2002 University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus and Special Communities Office: Coordinated and supervised Participatory Action Research Projects in communities at the north, south and west regions of the island.

### Professional Activities

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Member of the Puerto Rican Social Workers Association. Member of the International Welfare Association, Puerto Rican Chapter (1985-87). Member of the Family Preservation Board (Appointed by the Governor, 2002 to present). *Coordinadora Paz para la Mujer*, Domestic Violence Puerto Rican Coalition (1989 to present, 2000-2002 Chair), Board of the *Atlantea Project*, Coalition of University of Puerto Rico Faculty and from the Caribbean Universities, *Communities and Action Research Projects* (1998 to present).

#### Selected Research and Proposals

September 2003 – June 2005. *Food production and Excellent Nutrition: a Multidisciplinary Approach to Transform the Life of a Community*. Co-Project Director.

1997-2000 *Universty of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus and the Residents Association of Kennedy, Candelaria, Carmen, Inc.* Co-director and coordinator of interdisciplinary Action Research Project: Model for the Integrated Development of Urban Economically Disadvantaged Communities. Director of Americorp Project VISTA

1992-1997 University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus.

*Community Child Integrated Development Center* . Co-director of a child care center for kids and youth in three public housing communities in the San Juan area and Rio Grande. Proposal approved by SENDEC, governmental agency in charge of Child Care Block Grant. (\$450,000.00 during the first year, then \$350,000.00 annually).

*Support Center for Women and Families from Galateo*. Director of a psicosocial services for kids, youths and women from a public housing project at Rio Grande. (\$50,000.00 annually during fourth years).

*MUnDI Projetc (Model for the Integrated Development of Urban Economically Disadvantaged Communities)*. Co-director of the project in two public housing communitities in the San Juan area. The model emphasis in the self help, economic and education development of the residents. (Approved by the U.S Department of Education, Urban Communitities Services Program, \$350,000.00 annually during five years).

August 1986 to June 1988. *Community Services for Self Help and Social Benefit*. Action Research Project in the Public Housing Project Virgilio Dávila, Bayamón.

#### Selected Publications

Colucci B, Maldonado-Fortunet F, Seijo-Maldonado L. The application of interdisciplinary engineering education in community service. 9th International Conference on Engineering Education, accepted May 2006.

Maldonado-Fortunet F, Seijo-Maldonado L. Service Learning for community engagement: an interdisciplinary approach for engineering education. Latin American and Caribbean Consortium of engineering institutions, accepted May 2006.

Seijo Maldonado L, Rodríguez-Pérez R, Rosa LT. Integrating engineering and social knowledge for community transformation: the case of La Via community. 9th International Conference on Engineering Education, accepted May 2006.

Seijo Maldonado L, Rodríguez-Pérez R, Macpherson-Sánchez A. A model of participatory action research to promote leadership, local decision making and a vision for a better future. Submitted to the Journal of Applied Behavior Science, June 2006.

Seijo-Maldonado L. March 2000 “Communities Center for Child Development”. Publication of the First Family Congress of the Department of the Family.