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EDUCATION:

Long Island University, BA, Sociology, 1966

New School for Social Research, MA, Sociology 1968

University of Connecticut, Ph.D., Sociology 1975

EXPERIENCE:

Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Connecticut. **Director of International and Area Studies Program**, 2004; Professor of Sociology, Criminal Justice Department. Appointed, 1969; tenured, 1975.

Director, Center For Caribbean and Latin American Studies, Central Connecticut State University, January, 1994 to June 2004. The Center originally focused on Puerto Rico and the Caribbean; to reflect new interests and concerns the Center's name was changed in 2001.

The Caribbean and Latin American Studies Center has liaison agreements with, among others, Universidad Interamericana in Puerto Rico, the University of the West Indies in Jamaica, Barbados, and Trinidad, and Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra in the Dominican Republic. I helped establish and negotiate these agreements with the following goals in mind: Student exchanges, faculty exchanges, joint research projects and community service and outreach.

In 1994 the Center received more \$40,000 in private funding to build and create a Resource Center For Caribbean Studies. It is on the main floor of CCSU'S principal library and it contains everything from Caribbean newspapers, to journals, to the computers which allow our students to move through and across the Internet.

In June of 1995 the Center received a \$150,000 grant from the Connecticut legislature. I was the principal lobbyist in securing this two-year grant. We also received grants for the more than \$40,000 required to sponsor three performances at CCSU by the National Dance Company of Jamaica in September of 1995.

In June of 1997 the Center received a second, \$100,000 grant from the Connecticut State legislature. In June of 1999, the Center received a third grant in the amount of \$150,000 for two years. In June of 2001 the Center received a fourth grant in the amount of \$150,000 for two years. The grant provides the basic operating expenses for the center and its activities. A considerable portion of this grant is used to provide scholarship assistance to CCSU students who travel to liaison institutions in the Caribbean.

With considerable assistance from a number of other individuals in the Caribbean, I established, and was President of the New Waves in the Caribbean Foundation. Incorporated in August of 1996, the Foundation is a legally established, not for profit corporation with headquarters at the Pontifical Catholic University of Ponce, Puerto Rico.

The Foundation is a consortium of five universities who share a commitment and an ambition. Our

ambition is to play a major role in making the Caribbean a prosperous, self-sustaining region in the global economy. Our commitment is to realize this ambition by creating a lasting partnership between universities, business, labor and government.

In 1995 Greenwood Publishers asked me to write an historical dictionary of Puerto Rico. Under the auspices of the Center for Caribbean Studies Greenwood published this book in March of 1998. The book was written with Professors Serafin Mendez and Gail Cueto. All royalties from this volume are used to underwrite the work of the Center for Caribbean Studies.

Courses taught include: Race and Ethnicity, Diversity, Intercultural Sensitivity, United States and Puerto Rico, United States and the Caribbean, World As A Total System, Ideology and Violence.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

America Beyond Black and White: How Immigrants and Fusions Are Helping Us Overcome the Racial Divide (University of Michigan Press, 2007)

Mappers of Society: The Lives, Times and Legacies of Eight Great Sociologists. This book was published by Praeger in June of 2003.

America's Banquet of Cultures: Harnessing Race, Ethnicity and Immigration in the Twenty-First Century. Published by Praeger in June of 2000; the paper version appeared in June of 2001.

Puerto Rico Past and Present: A Reference Guide. I wrote this book with Serafin Mendez Mendez and Gail Cueto. (Greenwood, 1998). It received the *Denali Press Award* for 1999 from the American Library Association. Both *The New York Public Library* and *Choice* selected this book as one of the outstanding academic books of 1998. The *American Library Association* selected it as

one of the outstanding reference books of 1998.

The Disenchanted Island: The United States and Puerto Rico in the Twentieth Century (New York: Praeger, 1996, 2nd edition). Cultural Puertorriqueña published a Spanish edition of this book in 1996. Daniel Rey Díaz translated the book.

Cruising the Caribbean: U.S. Influence and Intervention in the Twentieth Century (Common Courage Press, September, 1994.) The Readers Catalog of the New York Review of Books selected Cruising the Caribbean as one of the 40,000 best books in print.

Prisoners of Colonialism: The Struggle for Justice In Puerto Rico (Common Courage Press, April of 1994)

Los Macheteros: The Wells Fargo Robbery and the Violent Struggle for Puerto Rican Independence (New York: Prentice Hall Press, 1987). Editorial Edil published a Spanish edition of this book in 1993. It includes a new, 25-page postscript. Oscar and Zorraidia Collazo translated the book.

Excess Profits: The Rise of United Technologies (Reading: Addison Wesley, 1983).

The I, The Me and You: An Introduction to Social Psychology (New York: Holt, Rinehart, 1977).

The Future as A Social Problem (Santa Monica: Goodyear, 1977). I edited this volume and also contributed an essay on the history of strategic bombing.

The Promise of Sociology (New York: Praeger, 1975). I wrote the first edition. With Leo Barille, Linda Evans and Mary Ertel a second edition of this book was published in 1979.

Social Psychology through Literature (New York: John Wiley and Sons, 1972). I edited this

volume.

Academic Articles:

A Joy Ride: U.S. Attitudes Toward Puerto Rico, Its People and Its Culture, in Luis Nieves Falcon, Editor, Violation of Human Rights in Puerto Rico By the United States (San Juan: Ediciones Puerto, 2002), pp.81-89.

Los Boricuas: Handbook For Elementary and High School Teachers.

The Connecticut State Department of Education asked me to write this handbook. It was published in July of 2002.

Old Blood, New Blood, Weak Blood: The Nature of U.S. immigration Laws, Julian Samora Research Institute, Michigan State University, Occasional Paper No.63, Latino Studies Series, September, 2000.

Los Macheteros, in Boricuas : Influential Puerto Rican Writings, Edited by Roberto Santiago (New York: Ballantine, 1995)

Getting Germans to Fight Germans: The Americanizers of WWI, Journal of Ethnic Studies, 1980, 9:2, pages 53-68.

Obliteration Bombing, The Humanist, (March-April), 1973.

Toward a Social Psychology of Freedom, Journal of Human Relations, 19:1, 1971, pages 57-68.

Dostoyevsky, Traditional Domination, and Cognitive Dissonance, Social Forces, Volume 45, 1972, pages 452-457.

Selected Newspaper Articles:

In May of 2000 I accepted a position as a columnist for The Hartford Courant. The articles were syndicated through the wire services of the Los Angeles Times. I resigned from the Courant in January of 2002.

None of the Above: Latinos and the Future, Viva New York, The New York Daily News, Sunday, July 27, 2003.

Sheer Hypocrisy: Mexico, Migration and the United States, Viva New York, The New York Daily News, Sunday, September 14, 2002.

Jamaica, British Colonialism and the Future, The Jamaica Daily Gleaner, Sunday, August 4, 2002.

A Century Ends: The Future of Puerto Rico, Viva New York, The New York Daily News, Sunday, August 4, 2002.

Quisqueya, Migration and the Interests of the United States, Viva New York, The New York Daily News, Sunday, July 14, 2002.

Lessons Learned About Terrorism, The Hartford Courant, January 2, 2002.

Hispanic Lawmakers See Strength in Numbers, The Hartford Courant, December 7, 2001.

Aviation Pioneers Welcomed Federal Oversight, The Hartford Courant, November 2, 2001.

America Must Face Truth About Illegal Immigrants, The Hartford Courant, October 5, 2001.

Same Sex Marriage: A Matter of Dignity, The Hartford Courant,
September 7, 2001.

Bush's Missile Defense Proposal Is Irrational, The Hartford Courant, August 3, 2001.

The Myth of Free Markets, The Hartford Courant, June 1, 2001.

Somos El Futuro (We Are the Future), Hartford Courant, May 4, 2001,

Congressional Roadblocks Delay Puerto Rico's Future, The Hartford Courant, April 6, 2001.

What's In A Label? Not Enough, The Hartford Courant, March 2, 2001.

Colombia Rx Will Work in Theory, But Not In Reality, The Hartford Courant, February 7, 2001.

Our Civilized Neighbors: The West Indians of Hartford, The Hartford Courant, January 5, 2001.

Slowly and Silently, Navy's Bombs Kill Islanders, The Hartford Courant, December 1, 2000.

What Makes for Ethnic Success, The Hartford Courant, November 3, 2000.

H-1B Visas: Our Asians Will Beat Their Asians, The Hartford Courant, October 6, 2000.

The INS: Flak Catcher for the Rest of Us, Newsday, September 21, 2000. Published in the
Viewpoints Section of the newspaper.

Not Quite White: The Dilemmas of Arab Americans, The Hartford Courant, September 1, 2000.
Bombing the Beauty Out of Vieques, The Hartford Courant, August 4, 2000. This article was
reprinted in, among other newspapers, Newsday.

Perfect Pigs, The Hartford Courant, July 7, 2000. This article was reprinted in, among other
newspapers, The Moscow Times.

Immigrants: Respect Them or Retire at 75, The Hartford Courant, Sunday Edition, May 28, 2000.
This article was reprinted in. among other newspapers, The Sunday Edition of The Houston
Chronicle, June 11, 2000.

Letter From Havana: Lift the Embargo, The Hartford Courant, Sunday Edition, April 2, 2000

Accents Are American, The Hartford Courant, November 5, 1999.

King Leopard and the FALN, The Hartford Courant, September 13, 1999.

A Global Economy To Tap, The Hartford Courant, June 14, 1999.

Walking in Trinidad and West Hartford, The Hartford Courant,
April 14, 1999.

Jamaica: A Fully Developed Nation, The Jamaica Daily Gleaner, March 25, 1999

Puerto Rico: State, Quebec, Northern Ireland, The Hartford Courant, April 2, 1998.

U.S. Should Categorize Only One Race: Human, The Hartford Courant, August 26, 1997.

State Universities Get Overlooked, The Hartford Courant, February 28, 1995

History's Message to U.S.: Hands Off Haiti, The Hartford Courant, September 13, 1994.

Dear Parents, Hartford Courant, February 13, 1994

Resolve Puerto Rico's Status in the United Nations, Hartford Courant, November 12, 1993.

A Political Prisoner Waits For Justice in Otisville, Newsday (New York City), October 7, 1992.

History Shows Futility of Intervention in the Caribbean, Hartford Courant, July 20, 1992.

Sugar Quotas Aren't A Sweet Deal in the Caribbean, Newsday (New York City), April 24, 1992.

Presidential Libraries: The Arsenals of Democracy, Hartford Courant, Sunday, April 19, 1992.

Notes From the Underground, The Hartford Advocate, October 15, 1990

Our Puerto Rican Colony is a Ticking Time Bomb, Newsday (New York City), October 5, 1990.

There are Many Forces Opposing Statehood For Puerto Rico, Hartford Courant, May 5, 1990

A Fair Trial For the Machete Wielders, Newsday (New York City), March 5, 1990.

Carta de un Norteamericano, EL Mundo, May 4, 1989

Rights Denied : Ojeda in America's Gulag, Hartford Courant, January 15, 1989.

Los Macheteros: Defenders of a Century-Old Ideal, Hartford Courant, September 28, 1987.

The Melting Pot Shouldn't Dilute Cultural Differences
in the United States, Hartford Courant, June 15, 1987.

The United States and Puerto Rico, Hartford Courant,
May 1st, 1985.

SPEECHES/PRESENTATIONS (August 1992-2004)

U.S. Congress, Committee On Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Security, October
5, 1993.

United Nations, Speech to the Decolonization Committee, July 28, 1993

United Nations, Speech to the Decolonization Committee, August 12, 1992

American School for the Deaf, Speech on Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, October 9, 1993

Connecticut Humanities Council, Brincando El Charco, Bridgeport, Connecticut, November 14,
1992

Yale University, Mainland Puerto Ricans, New Haven, Connecticut, October 23, 1993

Chamber of Commerce , Speech on Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, New Britain, Connecticut,
November 3, 1993

Brooklyn College, Speech on Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, November 30, 1993

University of Connecticut Law School, Puerto Rican Prisoners of War, December 1, 1993

Bilingual Conference, The Encounter of Two Worlds, Hartford Public Schools, November 13, 1993

Three Rivers Community Technical College, Norwich, Connecticut, The Disenchanted Island, November 9, 1993.

Evolving New World Order, Conference Connecticut State University Council of Presidents, CCSU, October 30, 1993

Universidad Interamericana, San German, Puerto Rico, The Disenchanted Island, September 24, 1992.

University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico and the United States in the Twentieth Century, September 23, 1992.

El Ateneo Puertorriqueño, The Disenchanted Island, September 27, 1992

Yale University, Casa de Burgos, America's Achilles Heel, February 27, 1993.

Northeastern University, Latin American Students Organization, Prisoners of Colonialism, April 16th, 1994

Michigan State University, Puerto Rican Students Association, Disenchanted Island/Prisoners of Colonialism, April 18, 1994

University of Connecticut Law School, Prisoners of Colonialism, April 19, 1994.

Collegio de Los Abogados de Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 13, 1994, Presentation on Prisoners of Colonialism.

Caribbean Studies Association, May 27th, 1994, Paper entitled Cruising the Caribbean, Merida, Yucatan, Mexico.

United Nations, Committee on Decolonization, Speech, Delivered on July 14, 1994

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, National Public Radio, Focus, September 12, 1994.

Campos Museum of Puerto Rican History and Culture, Chicago, Illinois, September 13, 1994, Speech and Presentation of Prisoners of Colonialism.

Rutgers University, School of Law, Presentation on Prisoners of Colonialism, September 26, 1994.

Puerto Rican Studies Association, Waltham, Massachusetts, Speech to Aspira; and Presentation in a Panel on Law and Justice, September 30, 1994.

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, October 14-15, 1994, presentations of Prisoners of Colonialism.

Hartford Courant, Presentation on Puerto Rico to the editorial staff of the newspaper, October 20, 1994.

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Latin American Students Organization, Presentation on Prisoners of Colonialism, November 1, 1994.

Brown University, Federation of Puerto Rican Students, Presentation on Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, November 2, 1994

Princeton University, Presentation on Prisoner of Colonialism, Latin Heritage Month, Third World

Center, November 4, 1994.

New York University Law School, Presentation on Prisoners of Colonialism, Latin American Students Organization November 7, 1994.

Hunter College, Presentation on Prisoners of Colonialism, Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños, March 29, 1995.

University of Delaware, Presentation entitled Latin Lives: The Dilemmas of a Privileged Class, Latin American Students Organization, April 6, 1995.

Cornell University, Presentation entitled Puerto Rico: The Oldest Colony on Earth, Latino Living Center, April 14, 1995.

University of Connecticut, Presentation on the Political Status of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rican Students Organization, April 26, 1995.

United Nations, Presentation Before the Committee on Decolonization, July 13, 1995

Office of the Secretary of State of Connecticut, Presentation on Puerto Ricans in the United States, July 19, 1995

Connecticut Geographical Alliance, One Presentation on the Caribbean, a second on the political status of Puerto Rico, July 20, 1995.

Sienna College, Presentation on the Caribbean, Multicultural Alliance, October 25, 1995.

Drew University, Presentation on Prisoners of Colonialism, November 21, 1995

Miami Conference on the Caribbean and Latin America, December 3-7, 1995. I attended a number of the workshops but my principal role was to discuss the terms of a five-year grant between CCSU, the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico, Banco Popular and the Chamber of Commerce of Ponce and South Puerto Rico.

New Waves In the Caribbean: Success in the Global Economy. March 15-17, 1996. This was a three-day conference held in Ponce Puerto Rico. Representing CCSU's Center For Caribbean Studies, I was one of the principal organizers of this conference. It was also co-sponsored by the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico, Banco Popular, the Puerto Rican Manufacturer's Association, Puerto Rico 2000, and the Ponce and South Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce. The conference focused on the Caribbean as a self-sustaining region in the global economy. Countries from throughout the Caribbean sent speakers and representatives. The conference's keynote speaker was Senator Christopher Dodd, senior U.S. Senator from the State of Connecticut.

Punctuated Equilibrium, New Waves in the Caribbean Conference, May 16, 1996. I delivered this paper during the panel entitled New Partnerships in a New World: The Universities, Business, and Government.

University of Massachusetts, Presentation on the Future Status of Puerto Rico, April 24, 1996, keynote address, annual dinner of the Puerto Rican Students Association.

Brooklyn College, Puerto Rican Students Association, Lecture on The Disenchanted Island, April 3, 1996.

Georgetown University, Georgetown University Caribbean Project, I was one of several government and academic participants in the Caribbean Project's Puerto Rico Program. The Caribbean Project aims to bring together policy makers and academics from divergent

viewpoints to address important issues related to Puerto Rico's economic and political future. This meeting took place on 5/27/96.

Suffield State Prison, I gave a lecture to a number of the inmates to commemorate Latino Month. My focus was U.S. involvement in the Caribbean and Latin America. June 4, 1996.

United Nations, Speech before the Committee On Decolonization, July 25th, 1996. I gave a speech on the colonial status of Puerto Rico.

Georgetown University, Georgetown University Caribbean Project, The Impact of Cuba's Evolution on the Political, Security, and Economic Interests of the Caribbean Region □ , September 13, 1996, I was one of three panelists to make a presentation.

Latinos/as In the United States, Presentation to the Executive Board of the United Way of the Capital Area, Hartford, Connecticut, September 18, 1996. I made a presentation which focused on the diversity among the groups labeled Latino/as.

Ateneo Latino, Discover Puerto Rican Culture, Presentation on The Disenchanted Island, Bridgeport Public Library, November 13, 1996.

Amherst College, Presentation on the History of Puerto Rico, *La Causa*, Latin American Students Organization, November 21, 1996.

Miami Conference on the Caribbean and Latin America, Presentation on The New Waves in the Caribbean Foundation, Caribbean/Latin American Action, December 11, 1996.

Presentation on The New Waves in the Caribbean Foundation made to the Executive Committee of Caribbean/Latin American Action, Annual Retreat, Annapolis, Maryland, February 7-10, 1997.

First Annual Conference of Latin American Poets in New England, April 4-5, 1997

Under the auspices of the Center I organized and helped moderate this conference. Poets included Claribel Alegria, Martín Espada, Marjorie Agosín and Rafael Campo.

Contemporary Caribbean Artistic Traditions, A symposium presented by the Wadsworth Athenaeum on April 12, 1997. I made a short presentation and also moderated this daylong symposium. Artists who made presentations included Albert Chong, Claude Fiddler, Juan Sanchez, and Maria Dominguez.

Shared Destinies: The Caribbean As A Region in the Global Economy, El San Juan Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 12- 14th, 1997. As President of the New Waves in the Caribbean Foundation I chaired the committee that planned, organized and funded this three-day conference. The conference included from Panama, Costa Rica, Italy, Taiwan and St. Lucia.

In Search of the American Dream: The Impact on West Indian Families, The West Indian Celebration Committee, Hartford, July 22, 1997. My presentation focused on immigration from the Caribbean to the United States during the Twentieth Century.

Connecticut Association of Social Workers, Presentation on Migration to and From the Caribbean, West Indian Social Club, Hartford, Connecticut, August 22, 1997.

Simsbury High School, in service training for the town's high school teachers. I made a presentation on the history of the Caribbean, November, 13, 1997.

Universidad Interamericana, Presentation on The Disenchanted Island, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November, 18, 1997.

Michigan State University, Puerto Rico : The Oldest Colony on Earth, Latin American Students

Organization, November 20, 1997.

Hemispheric Free Trade and Private Sector Development, 1998 Retreat of Caribbean/Latin American Action, January 30 - February 2, 1998, Alexandria, Virginia. I participated at a variety of the forums and at briefings at the U.S. State Department.

WDRC Radio, Half Hour Radio Interview on the Political Status of Puerto Rico, April 1, 1998

WTIC Radio, One Hour Radio Interview on the Political Status of Puerto Rico, April 4, 1998.

WBAI, Pacifica Radio, New York City, One Hour Radio Interview on the Political Status of Puerto Rico, May 8, 1998.

WBAI, Pacifica Radio, New York City, One Hour Radio Interview, Hundredth Anniversary of U.S. Invasion of Puerto Rico, July 24th, 1998.

WBAI, Pacifica Radio, New York City, One Hour Radio Interview, Hundredth Anniversary of U.S. Invasion of Puerto Rico, July 25th, 1998.

Michigan State University, Julian Samora Research Institute, Presentation on Changing Colors : Ethnicity, Race and Immigration in the Twenty-first Century, October 13-14, 1998

Latino American Spirit, Presentation on Race and Ethnicity to the North Central Region Affirmative Action Advisory Committee, Hartford, Connecticut, October 23, 1998.

Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, Presentation on the Political Status of Puerto Rico, October 29, 1998.

Essex Community College, Newark, New Jersey, Presentation on the Political Status of Puerto Rico, November 3, 1998.

Lehman College, CCNY, Panel Presentation in Puerto Rican Leadership into the New Millennium, November 20th, 1998.

Hunter College, CCNY, Presentation on the History and Status of Puerto Rican Political Prisoners, November 21, 1998.

University of New York at Albany, Presentation on Puerto Rican Political Prisoners to the Sociology Graduate Students and the Latin American Students Organization, February 22, 1999.

Field Trip to Trinidad, I took nine students to Trinidad for a “on-site” investigation of diversity in Trinidad. Trip took place between March 21st, 1999 through March 28th, 1999.

Eight Tampere Conference on North American Studies, University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland, Presentation entitled Race, Ethnicity and Immigration in the Twenty-first Century, April 23, 1999.

Negotiating Spaces, Fourth International Taru Conference on North American Studies, University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia, I delivered a paper on the political status of Puerto Rico, April 27th, 1999.

The Emergence of Democracy, and Globalization of Crime, Central Connecticut State University, May 1st-2nd, 1999. I organized this international conference. Speakers came from Hungary, Israel, and Venezuela. Topics included Genocide, Terrorism, Drugs, and Illicit Trade. I also made a short presentation on Undocumented Migration to the United States.

!Es Tiempo Ya!, A conference On Human Rights, Universidad se Sagrado Corazon, San Juan,

Puerto Rico, August 26-30th, 1999. I delivered a lecture on the development of the Puerto Rican economy over the last hundred years.

Hofstra University, Lecture on Prisoners of Colonialism, Organization of Latin American Students, October 4, 1999.

Yale University, Presentation on Puerto Rican Political Prisoners, Organization of Latin American Students, October, 18, 1999.

Tufts University, Presentation on The Disenchanted Island, Organization of Caribbean and Latin American Students, October 28, 1999.

Springfield College, Presentation on Vieques and Puerto Rico, November 19, 1999, Organization of Latin American Students.

Field Trip to Cuba, I took ten students to Cuba to investigate the African roots of Cuban culture, March 17-March 26, 2000.

Bridging Cultural Divides: A Trans-Racial Conference, The Asia Center, Seton Hall University, March, 27, 2000. I made a presentation On America's Banquet of Cultures.

Presentation on The Disenchanted Island, Multicultural Program, Seton Hall University, April 3, 2000.

University of the West Indies, Barbados, May 17-24. I was in Barbados to finalize the details of our first student exchanges. I also tried to lay the groundwork for faculty exchanges.

Indianapolis World Pork Exposition, June 8-10, 2000. I went to Indianapolis to research a book on illegal immigration in the United States.

Research Trip, Vieques, Puerto Rico. I stayed in Vieques for five weeks during the summer of 2000. I helped organize an international conference that will take place in Vieques from November 16-21, 2000. I also researched the human rights impact of the U.S. military presence in Vieques.

International Tribunal, Human Rights Violations to the People of Puerto Rico and Vieques, November 16-20, 2000, Vieques, Puerto Rico. I delivered a paper on the historical relationship between the United States and Puerto Rico.

Summit of the America's Conference, Caribbean/Latin American Action, Miami, Florida, December 3-8, 2001. I attended the conference to establish links and connections for the Business Center that is part of the CCSU Center for Caribbean and Latin American Studies

Consulting, Becton-Dickinson Company, Salt Lake City, Utah, January 26-29, 2001. I helped prospective employees try to understand Puerto Rico and its culture.

Yale University, February 6th, 2001, I made a presentation to the Puerto Rican Students Association on the status of Vieques.

Unitarian Fellowship, Simsbury, Connecticut. February 18, 2001. I made a presentation on the nature of Ethnic Success and "Failure" in the United States.

Student Trip to Chile. I took ten students to Chile from March 16-24, 2001. We visited Universidad Concepcion in Concepcion, Chile and the University of Santiago in Santiago, Chile. An additional purpose of the trip was to establish connection for the Business center associated with CCSU's Center for Caribbean and Latin American Studies.

Second Preparatory Meeting of The United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Geneva,

Switzerland, May 21- June 1, 2001. I attended as a representative of COPRED and in preparation for the World Conference in South Africa in September of 2001.

Student Trip to Cuba. I took ten students to Cuba from June 1-15. This was part of a six-credit course in International Studies. Over two weeks we traveled from Havana to Santiago. We visited, among other cities, Santa Clara, Trinidad, and Camagüey. A particular focus of the courses was the African roots of Caribbean culture.

International Tribunal on the Status of Vieques, San Juan, Puerto Rico, September 24-26, 2001, I delivered a paper that focused on the historical backdrop to the Vieques situation.

University of Nebraska, Omaha. October 8, 2001, Presentation on America's Banquet of Cultures.

Yale University, October 15th, 2001, Presentation on the Caribbean at the Center for International Students.

Rutgers University, October 29, 2001, Presentation on the Status of Vieques to the Latin American Students Association.

Brown University, November 15, 2001, Presentation on America's Banquet of Cultures to the Latin American Students Association

National Caucus of Hispanic State Legislators, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 14-16, 2001. I delivered a short paper and then moderated a debate between the National Directors of La Raza, the Cuban American National Foundation, The National Dominican Roundtable, the Puerto Rican National Forum and the National Association of Latino Elected and appointed Officials.

University of Wisconsin, Steven Points, January 15, 2002. I delivered the keynote address at the University's Conference on Diversity. My topic was America's Banquet of Cultures.

Student Government Trip to Costa Rica, March 22 – March 30, 2002. I took fourteen students to Costa Rica. We visited both the Caribbean and Pacific coasts. One particular focus was the ecology of the country; another was to visit a nation that thrives even though it has no army.

Summer Session Course in Mexico, June 4- June 18th, 2002. I took eleven students to Mexico. Our principal was to try and understand the enormous diversity of Mexican culture. We drove from Cancun to Merida to La Cuidad de Carmen to Veracruz and finally to Mexico City. At all times a major aim was to try and understand the impact of Mayan, Aztec and colonial influences on contemporary Mexican culture.

Hispanic Business Center – On September 22, 2002 the Center For Caribbean and Latin American Studies formally opened its Hispanic Business Center. The Center aims to connect Hispanics in Connecticut with Hispanics throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. Please see www.ccsu.edu/caribstudy/ for a formal explanation of these efforts.

National Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, October, 2002. I attended the annual convention of the Hispanic Chamber as a representative of the university.

University of Havana and Amistad, March 2003. I was in Cuba to help Amistad America bring their boat to Cuba. The voyage will take place in early 2005 and these March conversations also laid the groundwork for a formal exchange agreement between the University of Havana and CCSU. The agreement was formally signed in July of 2003.

Summer Trip to Cuba, July 10-22, 2003. We took a group of twelve undergraduate and graduate students from Santiago to Havana. The main focus of this trip was the African roots of Caribbean culture and the work of Fernando Ortiz, especially his concept of transculturation.

Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, September 17, 2003. Presentation on America's Banquet of Cultures.

University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, October 9, 2003. Presentation on America's Banquet of Cultures.

Urban Dialogue: Panel Discussion on the history and evolution of U.S. immigration laws. Sponsored by Action Speaks and the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities, Providence, October 14th, 2003.

Summer Trip to Puerto Rico and Vieques, Course credit trip to Puerto Rico with twelve students, July 16-28, 2004

Unity Conference of Journalists, Washington, D.C., August 4-8. Research for None of the Above.

Japanese American Citizens League, 75th Anniversary Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii, August 10-14. Research for None of the Above.

University of Nebraska, Omaha, October 14, 2004, Presentation on None of the Above.

Arab American Community, Research trip to Detroit and Dearborn. Interviews for None of the Above, October 16-20, 2004.

Languages:

English, Spanish. I was born in the United States. Spanish is my second language.

References:

Professor Susan Pease, Dean of Arts and Sciences, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain Connecticut. 832-2600; pease@ccsu.edu

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