

CURRICULUM VITAE

JOEL A. BLANCO-RIVERA, PhD

EDUCATION

2012. Ph.D. University of Pittsburgh, School of Information Sciences

- Research interests: Archival education in Latin America and the Caribbean; Archives and transitional justice in Latin America; Digitization and cultural heritage; Access to government records.
- Dissertation: “Archives as Agents of Accountability and Justice: An Examination of the National Security Archive in the Context of Transitional Justice in Latin America.”

2003. MSI, University of Michigan, School of Information.

2001. BS, Electrical Engineering, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus.

PUBLICATIONS

Dong, L., Blanco-Rivera, J., Caswell, M., & Steele, J. (2016). Examinations of injustice: Methods for studying archives in a Human Rights context. In *Research in the Archival Multiverse*, edited by Anne Gilliland, Sue McKemmish, and Andrew Law. Monash: Monash University Publishing.

Blanco-Rivera, J. (2016). El desarrollo de la formación archivística en Estados Unidos. Anuario de la Escuela de Archivología, V-VI.

Wisser K. & Blanco-Rivera, J. (2015). Surveillance, documentation and privacy: An international comparative analysis of State intelligence records. *Archival Science*, January.

Blanco-Rivera, J. (2009). Truth Commissions and the construction of collective memory: The Chile experience. In *Community Archives: The Shaping of Memory*, edited by Ben Alexander and Jeannette A. Bastian. London, Facet Publishing.

Blanco-Rivera, J. (2005). The forbidden files: Creation and use of surveillance files against the independence movement in Puerto Rico. *The American Archivist* 68(2).

PRESENTATIONS

"Archival education in Latin America and the Caribbean." Archival Education and Research Institute, Kent State University, July 12, 2016.

"La digitalización como estrategia de colaboración entre bibliotecas, archivos y museos." Universidad de Puerto Rico, Recinto de Río Piedras, 20 de Mayo de 2016.

“El uso de las tecnologías en la formación en Ciencias de la Información.” 2do Foro Nacional de Profesionales de la Información, Escuela Nacional de Biblioteconomía y Archivonomía, Ciudad de México, 29 de agosto de 2015.

“Archives and the Puerto Rican diaspora: The case of the Puerto Rican community in Holyoke, MA.” Archival Education and Research Institute, University of Pittsburgh, July 14, 2014.

"Surveillance, documentation and privacy: An international comparative analysis of State intelligence records," with Professor Katherine Wisser. International Council on Archives Annual Conference, Brussels, November 23, 2013.

“Archivos y sociedad: Rendición de cuentas y memoria colectiva desde la perspectiva archivística.” Presented at the conference “Archivos sin Paredes: Tecnología, Accesibilidad y Acercamiento a la Ciudadanía,” Centro para Puerto Rico, February 18, 2011.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2015 – present Universidad de Puerto Rico. Escuela Graduada de Ciencias y Tecnologías de la Información

Courses:

- La biblioteca digital
- Introducción a la curaduría digital
- Organización y manejo de documentos
- Sistemas computadorizados para el manejo integrado de documentos
- Fundamentos de la organización de la información y el conocimiento

2012 – 2015 Simmons College (Boston), Graduate School of Library and Information Science

Courses:

- Introduction to archival methods and services
- Archives, history, and collective memory
- The recordkeeping world: International perspectives on managing archives and records (online)

2007 – 2011 University of Pittsburgh, School of Information Sciences

Courses:

- An International Perspective on Archives (online and f2f)
- Archival Representation
- Library and Archival Preservation

CONSULTING

2016 Fundación Luis Muñoz Marín, Puerto Rico

- Consultant for the Foundation's digitization project. Developed a manual with digitization and cataloging guidelines for historical documents and museum objects.
- Trained staff on archival description standards and PastPerfect.

2015 Center for Puerto Rican Studies, Hunter College, New York

- Member of the Centro Library and Archives Advisory Group

2014 – 2016 Archival Education of Municipal Clerks,

- Consultant and developer of online course content offered to municipal clerks and records managers from the state of Massachusetts.

2012 – 2014 Rich Coast Project, Limón, Costa Rica,

- Archives advisor on the documentation of the Afro-Caribbean residents of southern Costa Rica Caribbean coast.

2012 – 2013 Centro para Puerto Rico y Fundación Sila María Calderón

- Member of advisory group responsible for planning a professional development curriculum for archivists and records managers in Puerto Rico.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2006 Engineering Librarian, Universidad del Turabo, Gurabo, PR

- Responsible for the collection development of resources for the School of Engineering. Catalogued bibliographic materials and offered information literacy workshops to students.

2004 – 2005 Librarian, Universidad del Este, Carolina, PR

- Catalogued bibliographic materials. Offered information literacy workshops to students and records management workshops to library personnel. Provided reference services.

2003 Archivist, Archivo General de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR

- Arrangement and description of the Department of Transportation Fond. Planning of the digitization of the Department of Transportation Fond.

2001 – 2003 Manuscript Assistant, Bentley Historical Library, Ann Arbor, MI,

- Arrangement and description of archival collections. Provided reference services.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Society of American Archivists