

RCMI Newsletter

Volume 2, Issue 3



Professional
Development



Faculty
Recruitment Core



START



Publications



RCMI Program Grant U54MD007579

EXTERNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Hilton Ponce Golf & Casino Resort

November 29-30, 2023

For more information, contact
rcmi@psm.edu



“ Dr. Ruiz has many years of experience studying the molecular biology of women's reproductive problems, such as endometriosis and infertility. Currently, her research is focused on genotyping high-risk Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection and cancer correlation among Puerto Rican women and men. In addition, she participates in health fairs, educating communities about HPV infection prevention and to reduce HPV-associated cancers. ”

MEET

Lynnette Ruiz Ortiz, PhD
(Assistant Professor)



Professional Development Activities



Doris Andujar Pérez, MPH
Executive Program Manager,
RCMI Program

"Recently, I attended the Society for Research Administrator International's (SRAI) Research Leadership Intensive Workshop, an enlightening deep dive into the future of research administration. Key takeaways included the importance of adapting to evolving roles and trends, mastering risk management, strategically implementing research plans, fostering effective decision-making and

team dynamics, cultivating a harmonious research office environment through effective communication, and the vital role of succession planning. I'm excited to integrate these learnings into our framework and collaborate in the enhancement of our future direction."



Caleb Esteban, PhD
Assistant Professor
School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences

Dr. Caleb Esteban presented his research titled: "Multidimensional Intelligences Model preliminary validation as a predictor of coming out acceptance and growth" in the 39th Interamerican Congress of Psychology of the Interamerican Society of Psychology



Eliut Rivera Segarra, PhD
Associate Professor
School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences

Dr. Eliut Rivera-Segarra participated in the Implementation Research Institute, of which he is a fellow, and shared research updates from his leading work addressing physical and mental health inequities in Puerto Rico.



Cristina Peña, PhD
Assistant Professor
School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences

Congratulations to Dr. Cristina Peña for her upcoming role as an Assistant Professor for the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences. Her dedication and hard work are paving the way for a bright future in academia.

Faculty Recruitment Core



José G. Pérez Ramos, PhD, MPH
Assistant Professor
University of Rochester

Seminar | Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) as transformative tools for Health Access and Equity



Wilfredo De Jesus Rojas, MD
Assistant Professor
Physiology

Book Presentation: *'Breathing Together' A Guide on Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia for the Patient and Their Family*



Normarie Torres Blasco, PhD
Assistant Professor
School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences

We want to congratulate Dr. Normarie Torres Blasco who received an award in Palliative Medicine Reports in recognition for the best article of 2022.



Marcos J. Ramos Benítez, PhD
Assistant Professor
Microbiology

“From Heroes to Villians: Can Immune Cells Drive Disease Progression?” August 9, 2023

Dr. Marcos Ramos Benítez, along with his mentor, Dr. Ana Espino, developed an innovative discovery that could significantly impact medicine, specifically inflammatory diseases.

STrategic Academic Research Training

Investigator Development Core

Enhances scientific diversity in junior faculty scholars.

Dr. Eliut Rivera presented the monthly seminar
for the START Core



Developing and maintaining productive
collaborations | August 21, 2023

Eliut Rivera Segarra, PhD

Associate Professor

School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences

PHSU faculty can enroll in START through the following link:



<https://bit.ly/3Ha23en>

IPOS 2023 World Congress, Milan, Italy
August 31-September 3, 2023



Cristina Peña, PhD

Assistant Professor

School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences

"The IPOS World Congress 2023 was an incredibly enriching experience. I had the opportunity to reunite with colleagues and collaborators from around the world such as Dr. Rosario Costas from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center New York and Dr. Tania Estapé from FEFOC Universidad de Almería in Spain. It was exciting to experience high-level presentations from outstanding professionals in the psycho-oncology field. The congress was an excellent learning experience and being immersed in a different culture felt very refreshing."

Publications



Caleb Esteban, PhD

Sexual Minorities' Experiences in Therapy Services in Puerto Rico: A Qualitative Study

Sexual orientation knowledge and attitudes and its association with therapy satisfaction among lesbian, gay and bisexual+ Hispanic Puerto Ricans



Luis Morales Torres, Dr.PH

Development of a curriculum and training program for community health promoters in vulnerable communities in Puerto Rico



Normarie Torres-Blasco, PhD

Psychosocial Intervention Cultural Adaptation for Latinx Patients and Caregivers Coping with Advanced Cancer



James Porter, PhD

Sex-dependent effects of angiotensin II type 1 receptor blocker on molecular and behavioral changes induced by single prolonged stress



Marian Sepulveda, PhD

Astrocytes: Role in pathogenesis and effect of commonly misused drugs in the HIV infected brain

Please click on each publication to see the full version

Editorial Board

Maria Santiago
Production Manager

Frances Irizarry
Production Editor

Stephanie Batista
Production Assistant

Amarilys Santiago
Content Researcher

Paula C. Lugo
Marketing Design Advisor

Jean Torres Vázquez
Design Developer

Alina Cruz Acarón
Language Editor

Doris Andújar
Chief Advisor

Contact Us

Maria Santiago
marsantiago@psm.edu
787-840-2575 Ext. 4746

Stephanie Batista
sbatista@psm.edu
787-840-2575 Ext. 4711

Frances Irizarry
firizarry@psm.edu
787-840-2575 Ext. 4752

Doris Andujar
dandujar@psm.edu
787-840-2575 Ext. 4783

Amarilys Santiago
amsantiago@psm.edu
787-840-2575 Ext. 4720

Follow us on social
media!

