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KEY SKILLS

- Integrity
- Responsibility
- Accountability
- Empathy
- Initiative
- Openness
- Collaboration
- Adaptability
- Flexibility
- Willingness to learn
- Architectural design
- Graphic design
- Creativity
- Open-mindedness
- Problem-solving
- Critical thinking
- Strategic thinking
- Attention to detail
- Organization
- Research
- Active listening
- Diplomacy
- Verbal communication
- Written communication
- Proposal writing
- Prioritizing
- Delegating
- Streamlining processes
- Forecasting
- Scheduling

WORK EXPERIENCE

Architect, 2007 – present

Self-employed architect | San Juan, PR

Architecture practice focused on the design of small scale residential, commercial and institutional projects.

These have included:

- Private residential design
- Art and educational exhibitions for Fundación Ángel Ramos, Fundación Luis Muñoz Marín, Museo de la Masacre de Ponce and Para la Naturaleza
- Interior and environmental graphics design for Fundación Ángel Ramos

Instructor 2021 – present

School of Architecture, University of Puerto Rico | San Juan, PR

Part-time instructor of undergraduate and graduate architectural design studios focused on the development of design proposals for residential and multi-use buildings in urban settings, combining basic conceptual and spatial distribution skills with more complex aspects such as regulatory requirements and sustainable, structural, and technological design considerations.

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Strategic Initiatives Director, 2019 – 2021

Program Coordinator, 2017 – 2019

Filantropía Puerto Rico (formerly Red de Fundaciones) | San Juan, PR

- Identify, strategize and put into operations initiatives that advance Filantropía Puerto Rico's mission.
- Manage FiPR's donor and grantee relations.
- Design and/or manage key projects:
 - Learning to Listen, a participatory grantmaking process where 36 activists, community leaders, nonprofits and funders decided how to award \$900K in areas of education, environment and governance.
 - FORWARD Puerto Rico Fund, a pooled fund that supports nonprofit organizations that advocate for an equitable recovery of the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria.
 - Housing Action Dialogue, a working group for funders to learn together, strategize and align efforts around issues of housing and land security in Puerto Rico.

Construction Project Manager, 2017 – 2019

Habitat for Humanity of Puerto Rico | San Juan, PR

- Manage project planning tasks including assessment of existing structures, development of project work plans and construction budgets, and coordination of consultants.
- Oversight of construction bid and permit filing processes.
- Oversight of construction progress and implementation of project controls.
- Planning and oversight of volunteer work.

Founder/Executive Director, 2009 – present

Transformando Nuestro Entorno | San Juan, PR

- Development of the organization's vision and guiding principles.
- Oversight of the organization's operations.
- Design, manage and fundraise for the organization's projects. These have included:
 - Joaquina de Vedruna Ecological Park, 2015 – 2017
Assistance to Centro Vedruna –an educational center for underprivileged primary school children– in the participatory design and construction of an outdoor learning space.
 - Learning with the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), 2009 – 2010
Project aimed at enriching the learning experience of K-12 students through architecture. It consisted of a series of workshops in which students learned about Math, Social Studies and Music through projects

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that used local properties listed in the NRHP as case studies. Works were displayed at the Student Gallery of the Museum of Art of Puerto Rico.

Project Coordinator, 2013-2018

Fundación Ángel Ramos | San Juan, PR

• Sala de Exposición de Arte Fundación Ángel Ramos (SalaFAR)

SalaFAR is an exhibition venue aimed at supporting the development of visual arts in Puerto Rico. It showcases works created in different media and techniques by Puerto Rican artists as well as foreign artists who contribute to the arts in Puerto Rico. Responsibilities included:

- Coordination of exhibitions and events.
- Exhibition design, curatorship and installation assistance to exhibiting artists.
- Artist selection in collaboration with the SalaFAR Artist Selection Committee.
- Strategic planning and internal policy development for the SalaFAR program in collaboration with the SalaFAR Artist Selection Committee and Fundación Ángel Ramos staff.
- Oversight of processes and project controls.

• Mis Espacios Públicos

Mis Espacios Públicos was an initiative created by Fundación Ángel Ramos in collaboration with the Ana G. Méndez University System aimed at empowering citizens to take over blighted public spaces and foster their transformation into active, safe and livable places. Responsibilities included:

- Project creation and planning in collaboration with project team.
- Coordination of project tasks, activities and collaborators.
- Oversight of processes and project controls.

Junior Architect, 2007

Amador + Calzada Arquitectos | San Juan, PR

- Designed and produced construction documents for low-income housing and residential projects.

Junior Architect, 2004 – 2007

Luis Flores Arquitectos | San Juan, PR

- Designed and produced construction documents for low-income housing projects under the Comunidades Especiales program.
- Observed project construction processes.

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Junior Architect, 2002 – 2004

Outerbridge Horsey and Associates | Washington, DC

- Designed and produced construction documents for residential and institutional projects.
- Observed project construction processes.

TRAININGS

- **Rain Water Harvesting Systems**, Universidad Metropolitana, 2019
- **Competent Person Safety Training**, Habitat for Humanity International, 2019
- **Solar Energy Systems Selection and Installation**, Universidad Metropolitana, 2018
- **30-Hour Training in Construction Safety and Health**, Occupational Safety and Health Administration , 2018
- **Solar Energy Systems Selection and Installation**, Universidad Metropolitana, 2018
- **10-Hour Training in Construction Safety and Health**, Occupational Safety and Health Administration , 2017
- **Safety Assessment Program Evaluator Training**, American Institute of Architects, 2017
- **Outdoor Space Design for Healthy Child Development**, The Natural Learning Initiative, College of Design, University of North Carolina, 2016
- **Green Retrofit of Existing Buildings**, Universidad Metropolitana, 2014
- **Fundamentals of Lighting**, Illuminating Engineering Society, 2012

EDUCATION

Master's in Architecture, December 2003

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia

Bachelor's in Environmental Design, May 1998

University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico

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OTHER SKILLS

- Computer: MS Office, AutoCAD, SketchUp, Adobe Creative Suite: Photoshop, In Design and Illustrator
- Languages: Fluent in Spanish and English

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- **HIP Líderes Fellowship, 2020**

The Hispanics in Philanthropy (HIP) Líderes program promotes social justice and contributes to dismantling systems of oppression and works towards the creation of an anti-racist philanthropic sector. The program is centered around the HIP Líder to further develop their leadership skills, executive presence, healing and vision for social justice. The fellowship promotes reflective practices through a social justice and racial equity lens.

- **Puerto Rico Architecture Foundation, 2007**

Grant was used to design and manage Transformando Nuestro Entorno, a project aimed at enriching the learning experience of elementary school children through architecture.

PUBLICATIONS

- **Estimados Señores, 2018**

Essay on the experiences lived while collaborating on relief and recovery efforts after the devastation caused by Hurricanes Irma and María. Published in Polimorfo, Vol. 5, 2018, the official publication of the School of Architecture of the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico

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LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- **Member**, Community Engagement Commission, Architects and Landscape Architects Association of Puerto Rico, 2019 - present
- **Member**, SalaFAR Artist Selection Committee, Member, 2018 – present
- **Secretary**, Board of Directors, Centro para la Conservación del Paisaje | San Juan, PR, 2015 – 2016
- **Member**, Education Commission, Architects and Landscape Architects Association of Puerto Rico, 2012 – 2013
- **Member**, Board of Directors, Condominio Brisas de San Juan, 2006 – 2016 (intermittently)
- **Volunteer**, Habitat for Humanity - Washington, DC Chapter, 2003
- **Volunteer**, Architecture in the Schools Program - Washington Architectural Foundation, 2003

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