

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**JOEL A. BLANCO-RIVERA, PhD**

**EDUCATION**

2006-2012. Ph.D., Archival Studies. University of Pittsburgh, School of Information Sciences

- Research interests: Archives and transitional justice in Latin America; government accountability and freedom of information; archives and collective memory.
- Dissertation title: “Archives as Agents of Accountability and Justice: An Examination of the National Security Archive in the Context of Transitional Justice in Latin America.”
- Recipient of 2011 Margaret Mary Peg Corbett Award, in recognition of the best dissertation proposal.
- Recipient of 2011 Lancour, Immroth, Brewster Award, in recognition of outstanding achievement in the field of international and comparative studies.

2001-2003. Master of Science in Information with a specialization in Archives and Records Management. University of Michigan, School of Information.

- Emeriti Dean Scholarship honoring Bob Warner. In recognition of academic success at the University of Michigan School of Information (2002).
- Midwest Archives Conference Minority Scholarship. In recognition of outstanding minority students on archival programs (2002).

1995-2001. Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Simmons College (Boston), Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences, 2012 - present
  - LIS 438: Introduction to Archival Methods and Services
  - LIS 443: Archives, History, and Collective Memory
  - LIS 502: Archives Field Study
- University of Pittsburgh, School of Information Sciences, 2007 - 2011
  - Teaching Fellow
    - LIS 2228: An International Perspective on Archives
    - LIS 2224: Archival Representation (co-taught)
    - LIS 2214: Library and Archival Preservation (co-taught)
  - Teaching Assistant
    - LIS 2224: Archival Representation
    - LIS 2674: Digital Preservation
    - LIS 2220: Archives & Records Management

- LIS 2214: Library & Archival Preservation
  - LIS 2215: Preservation Management
- Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus. Escuela Graduada de Ciencias y Tecnologías de la Información.  
Adjunct professor, 2004 - 2005  
Courses taught:
  - “Organización y manejo de documentos” (Organization and description of archival materials)
  - “Sistemas computadorizados para el manejo de documentos” (Computerized systems for the management of documents)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Joel A. Blanco-Rivera, "Justicia Transicional desde la Perspectiva Archivística," *Revista de Estudios Sociales*. Forthcoming (December 2014)
- Lorrie Dong, Joel A. Blanco-Rivera, Michelle Caswell and Joanna Steele, "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, forthcoming)
- Joel A. Blanco-Rivera, “Truth Commissions and the Construction of Collective Memory: The Chile Experience,” in Ben Alexander and Jeannette A. Bastian, eds., *Community Archives: The Shaping of Memory* (London, Facet Pub., 2009)
- Joel A. Blanco-Rivera, “The Forbidden Files: Creation and Use of Surveillance Files against the Independence Movement in Puerto Rico,” *The American Archivist* 68. No. 2 (Fall/Winter 2005)
- Joel A. Blanco-Rivera, “Las carpetas y su valor histórico,” *Boletín del Archivo General de Puerto Rico* 5-6, no. (Enero/Diciembre 2003)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- "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.
- "Surveillance, Documentation and Privacy: Case studies in records disposition," with Professor Katherine Wisser. Society of American Archivists Annual Conference, August 13, 2013.
- "Freedom of Information in Latin America: An Archival Perspective." Archival Education and Research Institute, University of Texas at Austin, June 17, 2013.
- "Access to Information and Accountability for Past Human Rights Violations: The Roles of Archives in Latin America's Transitions." Presented at the University of Connecticut Institute of Latina/o, Caribbean and Latin American Studies, April 1, 2013.

- "Transitional Justice and Archives in Post-Conflict Guatemala." Presented at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, April 2, 2013.
- "Teaching about International Perspectives on Archives," New England Archivists Fall Conference, November 3, 2012.
- "Archivists without Borders." Presented at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC) Fall 2012 Conference, October 27, 2012.
- "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.
- "Records and Accountability for Past Human Rights Abuses: The National Security Archive in Latin America." Poster presented at the second Archival Education and Research Institute, University of Michigan, June 23, 2010.
- "Trauma and Memory Places in the Web: Human Rights and the Internet from a Latin American Perspective." Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, Austin, TX. August 13, 2009.
- "From Truth Commissions to Transnational Trials: Archives and Transitional Justice in Latin America." Paper presented at the first Archival Education and Research Institute, University of California, Los Angeles, July 10, 2009.
- "Archives, Memory and Accountability in the Work of Truth Commissions: A Latin American Perspective." Housing Memory: A Graduate Student Conference at the Faculty of Information, University of Toronto. March 13-14, 2009.
- "Managing the Secret: The Case of Surveillance Files in Puerto Rico." Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. August 5, 2006.
- "Manejo de Documentos Electrónicos: La Perspectiva Archivística." Presentation on the management of electronic records, offered to the faculty of Escuela Graduada de Ciencias y Tecnologías de la Información at the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus. August 10, 2004.
- "Archivos al Digital: Planificación de Proyectos de Digitalización." Conference presentation about the planning of digitization projects. Fundación Luis Muñoz Marín, Vega Alta, Puerto Rico. August 26, 2003.
- "The Forbidden Files: Creation and Use of Surveillance Files against the Independence Movement in Puerto Rico." Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, Birmingham, Alabama. August 19, 2002

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Sistema Universitario Ana G. Méndez. Universidad del Turabo, Gurabo, PR**

**Position:** Engineering Librarian

**Dates:** 01/2006 – 07/2006

**Duties:** Collection development of resources for the School of Engineering ; catalogue of bibliographic materials ; Information Literacy.

### **Sistema Universitario Ana G. Méndez. Universidad del Este, Carolina, PR**

**Position:** Librarian

**Dates:** 07/2004 – 12/2005

**Duties:** Catalogue of bibliographic materials using MARC, Dewey Decimal Classification System and Library of Congress Classification System ; coordinator of weeding process at the library ; offer workshops to students on information literacy, and workshops on records management to library personnel ; assistance at reference desk.

**Archivo General de Puerto Rico**

**Position:** Archivist

**Dates:** 06/2003 – 01/2004

**Duties:** Participated in a digitization project for the Department of Transportation Fond ; arranged, appraised and described the fond ; collaborated with the acquisition of technical equipment.

**Bentley Historical Library, Ann Arbor, MI**

**Phone:** (734) 764-3482

**Position:** Manuscript Assistant

**Dates:** 09/2001 – 04/2003

**Duties:** Arrange, appraise and describe unprocessed archival materials ; create collections' finding aids ; assistance at reference desk.

**SERVICE**

- Rich Coast Project 2013 - present
  - Advisor for the creation of an online community archive.
- Society of American Archivists 2006 - present
  - Co-Chair, Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Heritage Archives Roundtable (2012-2014)
  - Society of American Archivists Student Chapter, University of Michigan (2002 - 2003)
- Red de Archivos de Puerto Rico, ARCHIRED 2005 – 2007
- Simmons College President's Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Council
- Centro para Puerto Rico y Fundación Sila María Calderón 2012 -2013
  - Member of advisory board responsible for planning professional development courses for archivists and records managers in Puerto Rico.