

Rashid C.J. Marcano Rivera | Curriculum Vitæ

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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor in Quantitative Sociology

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

1 August 2024 – Present

College of Social Sciences

Universidad de Puerto Rico – Recinto de Río Piedras

Professor of Quantitative Methods in the Graduate Programme of Sociology and Computation Techniques for the undergraduate Sociology and Anthropology programmes.

Postdoctoral Scholar

Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies *1 September 2023 – 31 July 2024*

Indiana University – Bloomington

Use of computational social science to establish business-government connections worldwide.

Research Centre Affiliations.....

Research Affiliate

Centro de Investigaciones Sociales (CIS)

January 2025 – Present

College of Social Sciences

Universidad de Puerto Rico – Recinto de Río Piedras

Research affiliate of the Centro de Investigaciones Sociales (Centre for Social Research), College of Social Sciences. Director: Libia M. González López.

Research Affiliate

Centro de Investigación de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario (CIViDCo) *May 2026 – Present*

School of Architecture

Universidad de Puerto Rico – Recinto de Río Piedras

Collaborating on research into housing financialisation in Puerto Rico, with a focus on corporate investors and tax incentives in San Juan's housing market, alongside Raúl Santiago Bartolomei.

Research Affiliate

Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies

1 August 2024 – Present

Indiana University – Bloomington

Research affiliate, collaborating with the NSF-funded project *The Political Economy of Business-Government Connections* (#2017652), focusing on computational social science and global network analysis.

Education

College of Arts and Sciences

Indiana University - Bloomington

2014– 2023

Ph.D. in Political Science

Doctoral thesis: NETWORKED VARIETIES OF CAPITALISM.

PhD tracks in Comparative Politics and Political Theory & Methodology, with coursework and research in Statistics, Political Economy, Consulting, Data Mining, Japanese, and Comparative Politics.

College of Arts and Sciences

Indiana University - Bloomington

2016–2019

M.S. in Applied Statistics

Coursework in linear methods, causal analysis, network analysis, data mining, workflow of data analysis, statistical computation, and statistical consulting.

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

New York University

2012–2014

M.A. in Political Economy

Master's Thesis: VARIETIES OF CAPITALISM AND MINIMUM WAGE: A panel data application and expansion of Varieties of Capitalism theory to Latin American and OECD countries from 1995 to 2012.

Coursework in political and economic analysis, quantitative methods, and advanced econometrics.

College of Social Sciences

University of Puerto Rico - Río Piedras

2006–2011

B.A. in Political Science

Coursework in political and economic analysis, political theory, political philosophy, French, mathematics, and econometrics.

Scholarship

○ **Academic Journal Publications**

- Marcano Rivera, R. C. J. (2025). Towards networked varieties of capitalism: Embracing supply-side complexity as a post-pandemic research agenda. *The New School Economic Review*, 13, 45–67.
- Marcano-Rivera, R. (2014). The question of status in Puerto Rico revisited. *NYU Journal of Political Inquiry*.

○ **Book Chapters**

- Marcano Rivera, R. C. J. (2026). Variedades enredadas de capitalismo: Acercamientos transdisciplinarios del temprano siglo XXI. In M. Aponte García & L. M. González López (Coords.), *Antología de las ciencias sociales hoy: Puerto Rico, el Caribe y el mundo* (pp. 581–627). CLACSO; CIS.

○ **Non-academic Journal Publications**

- Marcano Rivera, R. (2020, December 14). Puerto Rico wants statehood – but only Congress can make it the 51st state in the United States. *The Conversation*.
- Marcano-Rivera, R., & Arnet, E. (2020, October 24). A 70% chance to win? The tricky math of election forecasting. *SciU: Conversations in Science*, Indiana University.
- Marcano-Rivera, R. (2015, July 15). Puerto Rico can't pay its debt, and the United States is partly to blame. *The Monkey Cage*, The Washington Post.

○ **Papers under review and working papers**

- Marcano Rivera, R. (Under review). *Slave trade and political development: Long-term causal effects on government effectiveness and stability*. Presented as *The long-term effects of Slave Trade in Africa* at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association,

Chicago, IL.

- Marcano Rivera, R. (Under review). *Racial heterogeneity as a determinant of income inequality in Latin America*. Presented at the 2016 Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, and the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR.
- Marcano Rivera, R. (In progress). *Regulatory shifts and financial networks*. Presented at the PSA - British and Comparative Political Economy Specialist Group Early Career Researchers' Workshop at King's College London, UK in November 2023, and the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- Marcano Rivera, R. (In progress). *The political economy of control*. Presented at INSNA Sunbelt 2023, Portland, OR, and SASE 2023, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Marcano Rivera, R. (In progress). *The Japanese keiretsu network: Policy and macroeconomic responses in the 1990s*. Presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

○ **Reviewer**

- **Political Analysis** (one article)
- **Centro Journal** (one article)

○ **Professional Associations**

- INSNA (International Network for Social Network Analysis)
- SASE (Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics)
- PSA (Political Studies Association)
- MPSA (Midwest Political Science Association)
- APSA (American Political Science Association)

Conferences, Presentations, and Fellowships

Fellowships, Grants.....

Department of Political Science

Indiana University

Bill Siffin Scholarship-Fellowship

June 2023

Competitive fellowship that provides resources to graduate and undergraduate students of the Department of Political Science. It was used towards presenting research in academic conferences during the summer of 2023.

Indiana University Southeast

New Albany, IN

Future Faculty Teaching Fellowship - Indiana University Southeast (declined)

February 2021

The Fellowship offers an immersion experience in faculty life, as well as a teaching opportunity for Indiana University doctoral students.

Conferences.....

Sunbelt Conference 2026

Daytona Beach, FL

International Network for Social Network Analysis

June 2026

Accepted for co-presentation of "Housing Financialisation in Puerto Rico: Corporate Investors, LLC Networks, and Tax Incentives in San Juan's Housing Market" along with Raúl Santiago Bartolomei.

SASE 2026 Annual Conference

Bordeaux, France

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics

July 2026

Accepted for co-presentation of “Housing Financialisation in Puerto Rico: Corporate Investors, LLC Networks, and Tax Incentives in San Juan’s Housing Market” along with Raúl Santiago Bartolomei. Network N: Finance and Society.

41.^a Asamblea Anual

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Asociación de Economistas de Puerto Rico (AEPR)

October 2025

Co-presented “Financiarización de la vivienda en Puerto Rico: Un estudio de caso de los inversionistas corporativos en San Juan” along with Raúl Santiago Bartolomei.

2025 CBS–Princeton Money in Politics Conference

Copenhagen, Denmark

Copenhagen Business School & Princeton University

June 2025

Presented and discussed an improved draft of the NSF project article “Estimating the Value of Political-Business Connections”.

Sunbelt Conference 2025

Paris, France

International Network for Social Network Analysis

June 2025

Attended workshops on Network Theory and Network Science History, Presented preliminary findings of new draft article “Networked Varieties of Capitalism: Inferential network analysis of regulatory impacts on FIRE-to-Industrial corporate networks”.

2025 MPSA Annual Meeting

Chicago, IL

Midwest Political Science Association

April 2025

Presented and discussed an improved draft of the NSF project article “Estimating the Value of Political-Business Connections”.

2025 ISA Annual Meeting

Chicago, IL

International Studies Association

March 2025

Presented and discussed an improved draft of the NSF project article “Estimating the Value of Political-Business Connections”.

2024 SASE Annual Conference

Limerick, Ireland

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics

June 2024

Presented and discussed an improved draft of my article “Regulatory shifts and financial networks”.

Sunbelt Conference 2024

Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom

International Network for Social Network Analysis

June 2024

Presented and discussed an improved draft of my article “Regulatory shifts and financial networks”, participated in workshops presenting new methods on exponential random graph models.

2024 MPSA Annual Meeting

Chicago, IL

Midwest Political Science Association

April 2024

- Presented and discussed my paper “Networked Varieties of Capitalism: Prudential regulation’s effects on shareholder tie formation” in the *Political Networks and the Global World* paper session.
- Chaired panels on “Political Networks, Public Opinion, and Political Communication” and “Political Networks: Collaboration and Belief Networks”.

Early Career Researchers’ Workshop

London, United Kingdom

PSA - British and Comparative Political Economy Specialist Group

November 2023

Panel 4: The state and regulation. Presentation: ‘Networked Varieties of Capitalism: Prudential regulation’s effects on shareholder tie formation’, a draft version of my article “Regulatory shifts and financial networks”. Organisers: Scott James (King’s College London), Inga Rademacher (City University, London).

2023 SASE Annual Conference

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics

July 2023

Presented and discussed an improved draft of my article “The Political Economy of Control”.

Sunbelt Conference 2023**Portland, OR***International Network for Social Network Analysis**June 2023*

Presented and discussed draft of my article “The Political Economy of Control”.

2022 MPSA Annual Meeting**Chicago, IL - Virtual***Midwest Political Science Association**April 2022*

- Presented and discussed my paper “Networks and Regulatory Frameworks: Examination of Crisis and Recovery across VoC Typologies from 2007-2019” in the *Networks of Conflict and Cooperation* Junior Scholar Symposium.
- Chaired panel on “The Political Economy of Knowledge and Automation”.

2022 ISA Annual Meeting**Nashville, TN***International Studies Association**March 2022*

Presented co-authored article “The Value of Political Business Connections” along with professors William K. Winecoff and Sarah Bauerle-Danzman in the “Business and Politics” panel.

NETWORKS 2021**Bloomington, IN - Virtual***Joint Sunbelt and Netsci Conference**July 2021*

Accepted for a presentation on “Networked Varieties of Capitalism”.

2021 MPSA Annual Meeting**Chicago, IL - Virtual***Midwest Political Science Association**April 2021*

Accepted for my papers “Network Varieties of Capitalism” and “The long-term effects of Slave Trade in Africa”.

2020 MPSA Annual Meeting**Chicago, IL***Midwest Political Science Association**April 2020*

Accepted for my paper “Networked Varieties of Capitalism”, conference was cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

2017 MPSA Annual Meeting**Chicago, IL***Midwest Political Science Association**April 2017*

Presented and discussed my paper, “The Japanese Keiretsu Network: Policy and Macroeconomic Responses in the 1990s”.

2017 SPSA Annual Meeting**New Orleans, LA***Southern Political Science Association**January 2017*

- Presented and discussed my paper, “The Japanese Keiretsu Network: policy and macroeconomic responses in the 1990s”.
- Discussant for the “Social Networks and Surveys: Political Networks” panel.

2016 MPSA Annual Meeting**Chicago, IL***Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting**April 2016*

Presented and discussed my paper, “Racial Heterogeneity as a determinant of income inequality in Latin America”.

2016 SPSA Annual Meeting**San Juan, PR***Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting**January 2016*

Presented and discussed my paper, “Racial heterogeneity as a determinant of income inequality in Latin America”.

2013 NEPSA Annual Meeting**Philadelphia, PA***Northeastern Political Science Association**November 2013*

Presented and discussed my paper, “Minimum Wage and Inequality”.

Presentations.....

Fall Research Symposium **Bloomington, IN**

Tobias Center for Innovation in International Development *December 2022*

Presented findings related to NSF Project, with the title “What Explains the Personal Connections Linking Politicians and Business?” at the Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies.

Autonomous Statehood Network Talks **San Juan, PR**

Citizen Victory Movement *September 2022*

Panelist on the “¿Mantengo o bienestar? Una mirada al estado de bienestar en Puerto Rico y el mundo” discussion.

Social Studies Workshop Series **Bloomington and Jasper, IN**

Indiana University’s School of Education *Nov & Dec 2021*

Panelist representing the Institute of European Studies on the “Trade and Commerce: Cases from Around the World” workshop seminar/webinar.

Puerto Rican Student Association’s panels **West Lafayette, IN**

Purdue University *July 2016*

Panelist on the “People Before Debt: Resisting Austerity in Hard Times” discussion.

Teaching

Instructor of Record.....

Indiana University – Bloomington

Research Design in International Studies *Fall 2023 – Spring 2024*

Adjunct Lecturer

Wabash College

Introduction to Comparative Politics *Spring 2020*

Visiting Instructor

Indiana University – Bloomington

Institutional Analysis and Governance *Fall 2018*

Instructor of Record

Associate Instructor.....

Indiana University – Bloomington

Analyzing Politics, Assisted Dr. Jason Wu *Fall 2020*

Indiana University – Bloomington

Human Rights and International Law, Assisted Dr. Andréa Siqueira *Fall 2019*

Indiana University – Bloomington

Introduction to American Politics, Assisted Dr. Christine Barbour *Spring 2019*

Indiana University – Bloomington

Topics in Data Analysis – Time Series, Assisted Dr. Timothy Hellwig *Spring 2018*

Indiana University – Bloomington

Introduction to American Politics, Assisted Dr. Christine Barbour *Fall 2017*

Indiana University – Bloomington*Politics of Gender & Sexuality, Assisted Dr. Diana Z. O'Brien**Spring 2017***Indiana University – Bloomington***American Constitutional Law: Government Powers, Assisted Dr. Eileen Braman**Fall 2016***Indiana University – Bloomington***Analyzing Politics**Fall 2015**Assisted Dr. Armando Razo*

Professional Service and Leadership

○ **National Board Member (At-Large)**

*Asociación Puertorriqueña de Profesores Universitarios (APPU)**2025 – Present*

Member of the National Board of the faculty union representing professors at the University of Puerto Rico system. Participate in policy formulation on educational, labour, and budgetary issues affecting public higher education in Puerto Rico.

Employment

Indiana University**Bloomington, IN***Research Associate**January 2021 – August 2023*

Lead research assistant (now Research Associate) in the National Science Foundation *Award #2017652*, *The Political Economy of Business-Government Connections*, under the tutelage of co-Principal Investigators professors Sarah Bauerle Danzman and William Kindred Winecoff.

Hoosier Academic Coaching LLC**Greenwood, IN***High School and College Student Tutor**September 2022 – May 2023*

Provided tutoring on mathematics, statistics, and economics to high school and college students.

Indiana University**Bloomington, IN***Associate Instructor**August 2015–December 2020*

Assisted in teaching in Political Science were Quantitative Analysis for Political Scientists (Y205), Introduction to American Politics (Y103), Constitutional Law (Y304), Politics of Gender and Sexuality (Y353) for undergraduate students, and Time Series (Y577) for graduate students. Taught my own course, Institutional Analysis and Governance (Y204).

Wabash College**Crawfordsville, IN***Visiting Instructor**January–May 2020*

Taught the Introduction to Comparative Politics course during the Spring 2020 semester.

Bloomington Transit**Bloomington, IN***Bus Operator**June 2017–August 2019*

Operated buses in the city and campus routes, collecting fares, and providing customer service.

Strong Minds Rising Together**Remote***Research Analyst**June 2014 – December 2016*

Conducted analysis of existing academic literature in order to generate a literature review to aid with future research questions on GED and educational outcomes, managed survey system deployment for the research and innovation program, and generated a series of white papers to introduce members to key concepts in statistics.

Extracurricular Experience

Periódico Digital Puertorriqueño La Nación

Puerto Rico

Editor-in-Chief

August 2009 – December 2013

La Nación was a non-institutional student journalism blog in Puerto Rico that provided comprehensive news coverage and insightful analysis focused on political issues related to the University of Puerto Rico, student life, as well as culture, sports, and international events. Although it has since ceased operations, it left a lasting impact on Puerto Rican journalism.

- Oversaw the editorial direction, content development, and journalistic quality of the publication. Coordinated and managed a team of journalists and contributors to produce timely and engaging news articles. Several went to become journalists at renowned and well-established spaces such as *El Nuevo Día* and *Noticel*.
- In addition to my responsibilities as Editor-in-Chief, I also actively engaged in journalistic work, which included conducting interviews, providing live minute-by-minute coverage of events, and video editing.

Academic Senate – University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus

San Juan, PR

Academic Senator

August 2010 – July 2012

Chairperson of Student Caucus and Student Affairs Committee. Member of several permanent and ad hoc committees: Under my leadership, the Academic Senate (where faculty, administration, and students create most campus policies) saw an engaged student representation, leading to the approval of several measures that improved graduate and undergraduate student academic life experience, like an updated graduate academic policy and better communications between the student body and the administration.

University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus

San Juan, PR

General Student Council member (several positions)

September 2008 – July 2012

The General Student Council (GSC) represents students from all the Colleges and Schools of the Río Piedras Campus.

- During my terms (below), measures that I brought to this body's attention led to increased accountability and credibility, measured on student body interest and attendance to general assemblies, as well as the decisions taken in those assemblies. Thus, the GSC transmitted the student body's interests to administrative bodies, leading to several major policy changes on campus and the University at large.
- Terms
 - **Ex officio board member**, September 2010-July 2012,
 - **Alternate Representative to Administrative Board**, January 2010-September 2010,
 - **Social Sciences College Representative**, September 2009-September 2010,
 - **Political Science Department Representative**, September 2008-September 2009.

Centro para Puerto Rico (Fundación Sila M. Calderón)

San Juan, PR

Member of the Council on Urbanism

March 2012 – June 2012

The foundation is a non-governmental organization in Río Piedras, which has created programs to fight poverty, inequality, and promotes urban revitalization throughout Puerto Rico. Led by former governor Sila María Calderón Serra.

- Worked in promoting urban revitalization in Puerto Rico's towns. Organized forums on urbanism and urban revitalization which were attended by administrative employees of several municipalities of the Commonwealth, impacting administrative practices and policies.

Internship Experience

Economic Development Office, Office of the Governor, La Fortaleza

San Juan, PR

Summer Intern

June 2013 – August 2013

Analyzed government proposals on varied economic policies, did field work on firms receiving government aid under stimulus laws, conducted analysis on legislative projects with economic impact.

Technical and Personal skills

- **Academic Skills:** Proficient in: R, $\text{\LaTeX}$, STATA, Statistics (Bayesian and Frequentist), Game theory, Formal modeling. Intermediate ability with: Python. Basic ability with: SQL, SAS.
- **Language Skills:** English (Fluent), Spanish (Fluent), French (Fluent), Japanese (Intermediate proficiency), German (Elementary proficiency).
- **General Business Skills:** Most MS Office products including Excel, Word. Good presentation skills, works well in a team.