

In modern society, technology has gone beyond an appliance to aid everyday life. Today, technology has become an individual in itself. One that is created to multiply our understanding and elongate our existence; that develops with strengths and weaknesses until it outgrows us, and is ready to inspire new creations. We must then study all of its stages in order to assess the impact on the inevitable growth of society, just like the Puerto Rico Transportation and Technology Transfer Center has been doing for the last ten years.

As a social researcher, my main concern lies on the human factor, a functional one, for if people are not able to use the aids efficiently, then these become useless. In relation to alternative integrated transport, I propose one of the following:

1. A multidisciplinary investigation that assesses the personality characteristics that intertwine with the indirect teaching methods used to promote the use of the 'Tren Urbano', 'AMA', and 'Minibus' facilities.

2. A content analysis for press releases of the last 8 years (approximately) with regards to the portrayal of the 'Tren Urbano' and the Department of Transportation of Puerto Rico. Impressions have been proven to be a determinant psychological factor when an individual must decide. ATI was inspired as a start towards the solution of the outstretched metropolitan area. It has been designed and developed, and with its implementation we must make it part of the solution.

I have been exposed to the empirical process numerous times and its appeal has led me to choose elective courses that emphasize the application of scientific research. In courses like methods of investigation in the social sciences and experimental psychology I developed a proposal from scratch. In the last example I performed the investigation and reported its results. Another course that makes me an asset to this project is technical writing where I was thoroughly trained in writing, reporting and presenting technical information. As a collaborator for social psychologist Milagritos González, PhD, I was exposed to the population survey and program overview for a drug addict intervention program. I also formatted part of the teaching material to be used in an education program for women living with aids. Assisting at the Research and Development Center I have familiarized myself with the investigation protocols of the institution and acknowledge the amenity of studies taking place simultaneously.

I am determined to succeed.