

# **Brenda I. Garcés**

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## **Education**

BA in Social Sciences, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus. Expected graduation date: December 2006. **Relevant Coursework:** Social Problems on the Contemporary World, Research Method in the Social Sciences, Principles of Sociology, Psychology, Political Sciences, History and Biology.

Certification, High School Teacher in History, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus.  
Expected certification date: December 2007.

## **Relevant Recent Work Experience**

2005-present, Administrative Assistant  
Center for Applied Social Research, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus.  
Supervisor: Marla Pérez Lugo, PhD

2003-2004, Administrative Assistant  
Band and Orchestra Department, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus.  
Supervisor: Mrs. Ruth Rodríguez

## **Research Experience**

2005– Principal Investigator in the project: “Batey Urbano’s Tools against Oppression: Music, Art and Culture.” Summer Research Opportunities Program, University of Illinois at Chicago.

2004 - Principal Investigator in the project: “How the Students of the Engineering Faculty of the University of Puerto Rico select their socio-humanistic courses.” Requisite of the course Social Problems in Contemporary World, University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez.

## **Organizations**

Sociology Students Union. President (2005-present).  
Phi Alpha Delta International, PreLaw Chapter. Member (2002-present).  
Asociación de Estudiantes de la Coral Universitaria. President (2003-2005).

## **Volunteer Experience**

2004, Coordinate the first electronic Library of Lavadero’s Special Community in Hormigueros, P.R.  
2005, Orientation Campaign on the importance of why should Communities work together. Lavadero’s Community, Hormigueros P.R.

## **Skills**

Good organizational abilities, excellent interpersonal skills, leadership abilities, computer skills.  
Bilingual - Spanish and English (second language).

## **References**

**Marla Pérez**, PhD., Director. Center for Applied Social Research, Social Sciences Department, University of Puerto Rico, 787-832-4040, Ext. 2108, 2109

**Edgar Vélez**, Director. Band and Orchestra Department, University of Puerto Rico,  
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