Viviana Torres-Mestey

PROFESSOR | PHOTOGRAPHER | PRODUCER | ACTRESS | WRITER

I have dedicated all my life to promote the social capital, awareness and human values through the arts, education, and cultural stances. My goal is to develop my niche as an interdisciplinary professional to teach, create and contribute to the social and cultural improvement of my country. I firmly believe that through art we can positively influence social and learning processes to heal, individually and collectively.

EDUCATION

PHD | In Progress | Universidad de Palermo, Argentina Doctorate in Design

MFA | 2015 | Academy of Arts University, San Francisco Master's Degree in Fine Arts Photography

BAC | 2010 | Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Baccalaureate in Information and Journalism

EXPERIENCE

Executive Director and Founder | Enfocarte, Inc.

May 2012 - Present

Founder, Executive Director and Producer in this non-profit organization, dedicated to promoting arts and education with international-level productions. (Spain, México, Colombia, and Cuba, as well as the US states of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Connecticut and many municipalities in Puerto Rico) Responsabilities:

• Producer, actress, dramaturge, director and administrator.

Photography Professor | Atlantic University College

August 2018 - Present

Undergraduate and Graduate level Photography Professor.

Courses

- Undergraduate courses: Digital Photography Techniques, Photojournalism and Artistic Photography.
- Graduate courses: Documentary Photography, Social and Cultural Landscape, Creative Process, Business of Photography, Lighting, Portrait as Fine Arts, Critique Seminar and Graduate Exhibition.

Associate Producer WIPR

May 2021 - September 2021

Associate Producer for the Third Season of the Educational Programing Project "#EnCasaAprendo" for WIPR Channel 6, in alliance with the Puerto Rico's Department of Education.

Highlights:

- In charge of supervising 28 TV Shows and televised classes.
- In charge of the educational challenges on the web streaming page.

Microjuris.com

August 2015 - August 2020

Assistant Editor at the Audiovisual Department. Person in charge of recording online courses, live events, podcasts, educational videos, and photography. Developed skills in video and audio editing. Use of Final Cut, Livestream, OneStream and the Digital Chalk platform for virtual education.



BILINGUAL: SPANISH AND ENGLISH

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PUBLISHED BOOKS

"Ella y el mundo: cuentos cortos". 2018 Editorial Publicaciones Puertorriqueñas. ISBN 978-162537-261-1

"Ella: cuentos cortos". 2020 Editorial Publicaciones Puertorriqueñas. ISBN 978-1-62537-358-8

"Agenda Creativa". Self-Published. 2021

ACADEMIC TALKS

"Proceso Creativo Libre".

Latin American Congress of Design. Universidad de Palermo, Argentina. 2020

"Fearless Dreams".

Lincoln University. Chicago, Illinois. International Visual Literacy Association Congress (IVLA)

"Fragments of a Life in Progress". Lesley University, Cambridge Massachusetts. Congress of the International Visual Literacy Association (IVLA)

AWARDS

Honorable Mention by the Consejo Provincial de Artes Plásticas de Santiago de Cuba XXXVI Festival del Caribe. 2016

Exposure Award

Photo selected for a Temporary Digital Display at the Louvre Museum, Paris. 2015

Orden al Buen Ciudadano (Good Citizen Award) by de Consejo del Municipio Bolivariano de Caracas, Venzuela. For the Educational Project "Despertar Ambiental" 2012

Distinguish Youth, Dramaturgy Category By the Comisión Puertorriqueña de la Juventud

OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

PHOTOGRAPHY PROFESSOR | UNIVERSITY OF SACRED HEART | 2015 - 2017 Professor teaching Photography for Film and TV.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROFESSOR | UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO, RÍO PIEDRAS | 2015 - 2017 Professor of basic photography courses at the Continuous Education and Professional Development Department.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROFESSOR | UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO, CAYEY | 2010 - 2012 Photography and journalism professor at the Honor's Program.

JOURNALIST AND RESEARCHER | EL NUEVO DÍA | 2009 - 2010 Journalist for the dominical edition and the special interest sections: "Puerto Rico Se Reinventa" and "Puerto Rico Solidario" (Editor in Chief: Sandra Villerael).

SPECIAL PROJECTS

CREATIVE TEAM MEMBER I 100X35 ENTERTAINMENT I 2021

Supervise the online project "20 under 20", assistant for audiovisual projects of the renowned pianist Adlan Cruz, designer for the pop-up stores "¡Alegría! Puerto Rico".

WRITER | ESCENA LATINA, INC. | 2020 - 2021

Senior Resident Writer and Content Auditor for the Tween oriented TV show: LabSix, Channel 6 (WIPR), produced by "Escena Latina, Inc." in association the Puerto Rico Department of Education, 2020–2021.

PRODUCER | ONE MOVIE ONE FILM | 2017

Producer of the tv series "Underground". Amazon Prime, 2020. Also streamed on Tubi and Viva Live TV.

PRODUCER I PAMOTRAN FILMS I 2014

Producer of the international renowned film "Los Domirriqueños" (Caribbean Cinemas)

PRODUCER AND RADIO HOST | RADIO ISLA 1320 AM | 2013

Producer and host of the program radial "Enfócate Puerto Rico"

PRODUCTION COORDINATOR | YOUTH INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS | 2011 - 2013

Events and logistics coordinator for educational events, seminars and conferences.

CREATIVE TEAM MEMBER | ARTEFACTO, INC. | 2006 - 2012

Actress, writer and producer for theatrical productions.

PRODUCER AND HOST | WKAQ 580 AM | 2009

Producer, researcher and presenter for the program "Esto Pasó Aquí" regarding political and current events.

WRITER AND PRODUCER | SITV CANAL 40 – SISTEMA UNIVERSITARIO ANA G. MÉNDEZ | 2009 – 2010 Scriptwriter and producer of special programs for the Puerto Rico Department of Education.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES | 2002 to present

Experience as presenter of radio shows, acting instructor, production coordinator, researcher, content creator for digital magazines and retailing.