

## **2006 ACE Institute Speaker Information**

### **Christina Clamp, Professor, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH**

Dr. Christina Clamp is a professor in the national and doctoral programs in Community Economic Development at Southern New Hampshire University. She has a Ph.D., and M.A. from Boston College, and a B.A. from Friends World College. She is a specialist in cooperatives, training of trainers, curriculum development, and women's economic development.

She is treasurer of the Allston/Brighton Community Development Corporation (Boston), a member of the board of the Cooperative Development Institute, and a member of the board of the National Cooperative Business Association. She is a senior research fellow at the Applied Research Center in CED. Formerly, she was chair of the board of directors of the ICA Group (Boston), a member of the board of directors of Childspace Development and Training Institute, and a member of the Council of Overseers for the Friends World Program at Long Island University. She is a former associate of the Harvard University Program on Non-Violence Sanctions and Civilian Defense.

### **Edwin Quiñones Suárez, Consultant, San Juan, PR**

Edwin Quiñones Suárez has a B.A. in Business Administration with concentration in Finances from the University of Puerto Rico as well as a M.A. from the Church of God Theological Seminary, at Cleveland, TN. In June 2005, he received both a Certificate of Ordination with the International Ministerial Fellowship of Jameson Evangelistic Association and a Doctor of Divinity of the International Christian University at Pennsylvania.

In 1975, he was named president of Cooperativa de Seguros Múltiples de Puerto Rico, where he began as an accountant in 1967. Under his leadership, Cooperativa de Seguros Múltiples de Puerto Rico became one of the main insurance property and contingency companies in the country. A strong believer in cooperatives and the insurance industry, he has been president of the Association of Insurance Companies of Puerto Rico and a member of the Elective Board and the Board of Governors of the Hall of Fame of the International Insurance Society. He was the first chairman of the board of the Americas Association of Cooperative/Mutual Insurance Societies (AAC/MIS). Currently, he works as a consultant with AAC/MIS and other institutions, providing services in the area of governance and relationships among boards of directors and top executives.

### **Félix J. Cristiá Martínez, Executive Director, Confederación de Cooperativas del Caribe y Centro América, San Juan, Costa Rica**

Félix J. Cristiá Martínez has been executive director of the Confederación de Cooperativas del Caribe y Centro América since 1989. Previously, he served as assistant attorney for Antimonopolistic Affairs in the Puerto Rican Department of Justice; a labor, housing and cooperative lawyer; and a counselor for the Puerto Rican House of Representatives Labor Commission. He has worked as a researcher, author, consultant, and lecturer.

He has served on the boards and committees of several cooperatives, been executive director of the Puerto Rican Cooperative League, member of the board of Insurance Co-ops

CSM, president of the Puerto Rico Co-operative National Legislation Commission, professor of cooperative law at the University of Puerto Rico, and vice president of the Organization of Cooperatives of America. He is also a member of the Directory of CC-SICA; and a board member of Hijos del Campo Foundation (COOCAFE-sponsored), the Center for Co-operative Studies and Training of Costa Rica (CENECOOP), and of the Co-operative Hotel Central (CCH) of Costa Rica.

**Carlos Fernández Cintrón, President, Cooperativa de Seguros de Vida de Puerto Rico, San Juan**

Carlos Fernández Cintrón was named president of Cooperativa de Seguros de Vida de Puerto Rico, COSVI, on June 1, 2000. He had served as executive vice president since 1997. He began his work in the insurance industry in 1976 as vice president of finances for COSVI. From 1992 until 1997, he served as chief executive officer and president of Puerto Rican-American Life Insurance Company. His early career was with the construction industry where he was comptroller of the Housing Engineering & Research Corp.

His educational background is in business administration specifically in the areas of finance and accounting. In addition, he has participated in post graduate courses related to the life insurance industry and business administration, and courses for the development of executives offered by the Life Office Management Association and the American Management Association.

He is active in a number of professional associations. In the Asociación de Compañías de Seguros de Puerto Rico, (ACODESE) he has been treasurer, president of the Committee of Life and Health, and chairman of the board of directors. He has presided over the board of the Puerto Rico Life Insurances Guarantee Association and Incapacity of Puerto Rico. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Puerto Rico and the Puerto Rico Manufactures Association as well as the Fundación Puertorriqueña de Syndrome Down and SER de Puerto Rico, serving as director of the board and leader of the Campaign Cooperative Track. In 2002, the Asociación de Periódicos Regionales de Puerto Rico, recognized him in the XIII Edition of the Encuentro Empresarial de Puerto Rico y el Caribe.

**Miguel A. Arrieta Morales, Ph.D., Executive Director, Instituto para El Desarrollo Humano, Hato Rey, PR**

Dr. Miguel Arrieta Morales is a pioneer in developing seminars, workshops, and training programs for both individuals and businesses that focus on the perspective of decision-making and ethics aimed at harmonious, win-win relationships.

In 1978, he founded The Instituto para El Desarrollo Humano (Institute for Human Development), where he is currently executive director. He serves as a management consultant, applying Decision Analysis for business success and development, based on the Culture of Excellence in Service. This model encompasses the study of decisions aimed at cost-benefit based productivity, values-oriented effectiveness and internal effectiveness, and marketing through differentiated product identity and services as well as effective team relationships within an ethical context for obtaining goals.

He is the author of the *Modelo de Gerencia de Intercambio*© (Exchange Management Model)© and of the book *Vida Vertical: Una Filosofía del Ser Humano Enmarcada en el Análisis de Decisiones*© (Vertical Living: A Philosophy of the Human Being within the Context of Decision Analysis)©. He is the creator of the Vertical Living Certification Program, for which the Institute is obtaining a license from the Puerto Rican General Education Council toward Certification in Vertical Living.

**René A. Campos Carbonell, President, Cooperativa de Seguros Múltiples de Puerto Rico, San Juan**

René A. Campos Carbonell has a B.A. degree from the University of Puerto Rico and a Masters in Education from Harvard University, which he received in 1978. In 1979, he joined Cooperativa de Seguros Múltiples de Puerto Rico as manager of educational services. In 1985, he was appointed executive assistant to the president of Cooperativa de Seguros Múltiples and in 1997 was promoted to executive vice president. In July 2000, he was appointed president.

He belongs to several professional associations of the insurance industry and the cooperative movement including P.R. Association of Insurance Companies (Acodese), Joint Underwriters Association (JUA), Consulting Committee for Insurance Education, Investment and Developers Cooperative Fund (FIDECOOP), Americas Association of Cooperative/Mutual Insurance Societies (AAC/MIS), International Insurance Society (IIS), International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), and International Cooperative and Mutual Insurance Federation (ICMIF).

He has received several awards including Empresario del Año 2002 from the Encuentro Empresarial de Puerto Rico y América, Premio Zenit 2004 in the Insurance Category from the Chamber of Commerce of Puerto Rico, and the Top Management Award 2005 in the Insurance Category from the Executives Association of Sales and Marketing.

**Angel Saez, President, Banco Cooperativo, Hato Rey, PR**

**André Martin, Researcher, Institut de recherche et d'enseignement pour les coopératives de l'Université de Sherbrooke (IRECUS), Sherbrooke, QC**

André Martin is a researcher and lecturer at the Institut de recherche et d'enseignement pour les cooperative de l'Universite de Sherbrooke (IRECUS) in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada. His research focuses on education and training in the areas of cooperative education and training, democracy and citizenship, education and ethics, and cooperation.

André Martin holds an undergraduate degree in Philosophy from a university in Colombia, South America. His master's degree in Philosophy is from the University of Sherbrooke in Quebec.

**Brett Fairbairn, Head, Department of History, and most recent former director, Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon**

Brett Fairbairn joined the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives at the University of Saskatchewan in 1986, at the time of his appointment to the university's history department. He became director of the Centre in July 2000. His research interests include the history of co-operatives in Canada, Germany, and throughout the world; community and rural

development; and the history of social movements and democratic participation. He became head of the history department in 2004.

He is presently chair of the Saskatchewan Archives Board, and has served as president of the Saskatoon Community Clinic and the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation. In 2002, he was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal by Lieutenant-Governor Lynda Haverstock in recognition of his contributions at the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives and the Saskatchewan Archives Board. He is a recipient of the ACE Reginald J. Cressman Award in recognition of his commitment to staff development.

**Mildred Santiago, Executive Director, Liga de Cooperativas, San Juan, PR**

Mildred Santiago is director of the Liga de Cooperativas. Prior to assuming her current position, she served as deputy director of Fomento Cooperativo, the Puerto Rican cooperative development agency.

Mildred Santiago was the first woman to serve as president of the board of directors of Cooperativa de Ahorro y Credito de Caguas (credit union). She resides in the cooperative housing community of Cooperativa de Vivienda Jardines de San Ignacio. In addition, she has served on the board of directors of Cooperativa de Seguros Múltiples and the Liga de Cooperativas (the cooperative league of Puerto Rico).

**Moises Méndez López, Executive Director, Fomento Cooperativo, PR**

Moises Méndez has over 15 years of government experience. He is currently executive director of Fomento Cooperativo, the Puerto Rican cooperative development organization. Prior to his present position, he was special assistant to the executive director of Solid Waste and deputy executive director of Commerce and Export.

He has a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Puerto Rico, and a master's degree in History from the Center of Graduate Studies of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.

He is president of the board of directors of Seguros de Cooperativas de Ahorro y Credito (credit union insurance) and member of the board of directors of Fondo de Inversion y Desarrollo de Cooperativas, a cooperative development fund.

**Harold Acevedo Márquez, Sub Director, Fomento Cooperativo, PR**

Harold Acevedo is deputy director of cooperative development for Fomento Cooperativo. Through the years, he has worked as an economist specializing in labor information systems for public and private organizations and as a consultant in economics and information systems for cooperatives, health care firms, corporations, and associations. He has worked in the area of business development for the Liga de Cooperativas de Puerto Rico (cooperative league). He has also been a professor of economics and finance at the University of Interamericana, the University of Puerto Rico, the University of Phoenix, and the University Metropolitana.

He has a bachelor's and master's degree in Economics from the University of Puerto Rico. He is a member of the board of directors of the Economics Association of Puerto Rico and on its editorial board.

**Heidie Calero, President, H. Calero Consulting Group, Inc.**

Heidie Calero is an economist, lawyer, and head of a consulting group specializing in economic and financial planning on behalf of public and private sector clients. She holds a degree in Economics from the University of York in Great Britain and a Law degree from the University of Puerto Rico.

She was vice president of the finance department at Drexel, Burnham, Lambert in Puerto Rico; established the Puerto Rican office of Salomon Brothers; and the department of economics for Citibank in Puerto Rico.

She has served on numerous boards of directors of professional and nonprofit organizations including the boards of Cordero Badillo, The Puerto Rico Foundation, and Presbyterian Hospital. She was also president of the Association of Economists and Financial Analysts in Puerto Rico. She was the first woman to receive the Top Management Award from the Association of Sales and Marketing Executives. She has been honored as a distinguished alumni of the University of Puerto Rico and recognized as a prominent woman in economics by *El Nuevo Dia*.

**Jose Torres, III, Coopharma, Aguada, PR**

**Carmen Ortiz, Vice President, Comunicadora Nexus, San Juan, PR**

Carmen Ortiz has 20 years of experience in the communications field and is currently vice president of Comunicadora Nexus. She has managed several accounts in the advertising and public relations fields including Cooperativa de Seguros Múltiples de Puerto Rico. Previously, she has been a college professor at Brooklyn College (CUNY), the Inter American University, and the University of Puerto Rico, among other high learning institutions. She has a B.A. in Social Sciences, cum laude, from the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus as well as a M.A. in English from Inter American University of Puerto Rico.

She is a member of the Professional Public Relations Association of Puerto Rico, the Public Relations Society of America, and the Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association. She has received numerous awards including Outstanding Woman in the Communications Field from *El Nuevo Día* newspaper in March of 1996, the 1996 Postmasters Community Award in the Advertising Category, and the Excel Award of 1997 for Special Publications, granted by the Puerto Rico Professional Public Relations Association.

**Francisco R. Jordán García, Executive Director, Instituto de Cooperativismo, University of Puerto Rico**

Dr. Francisco Jordán, executive director of Instituto de Cooperativismo, consults on governance and education issues. His extensive cooperative experience includes board member of the Liga de Cooperativas de Puerto Rico (the cooperative league), president of the Federacion de Cooperativas de Vivienda (Federation of Housing Cooperatives), and president of the board of directors of Cooperativa de Ahorro y Credito de la Univesidad de

Puerto Rico (University of Puerto Rico Credit Union). He is the founding president of the Cooperativa de Vivienda Empleados de la Universidad de Puerto Rico (a housing cooperative for employees of the University of Puerto Rico) and Hermandad de Empleados Exentos No Docentes de la Universidad de Puerto Rico (a union representing exempt employees at the University of Puerto Rico). He is also on the board of the Asociacion de Profesores Puertorriqueños Universitarios (an association representing academic faculty of Puerto Rican universities) and executive director of the Institute of Labor Union Education.

He received a Ph.D. in Philosophy and Letters with a concentration in Education at the University of Complutense de Madrid, and a master's degree in School Administration and a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Puerto Rico. He is the author of two books and numerous articles.

**Eric Marrero, Director, Escuela Nacional de Cooperativismo, San Juan, PR**

Dr. Eric Marrero Molinelly is executive director of the National School of Cooperatives in Puerto Rico. He has directed Cooperativa de Seguros Múltiples' training program and has been part of the faculty of business administration at the University of Puerto Rico.

He has a bachelor's degree in management and accounting from the University of Metropolitana, a master's degree in strategic management from the University del Turabo, and a Ph.D. in Education Administration from the University of Interamericana of Puerto Rico.

**Carmen Muñoz Hernández, Administradora, Auxiliar de Desarrollo Cooperativo, Fomento Cooperativo, San Juan, PR**

Carmen Muñoz coordinates the activities of the national youth cooperative movement and is administrator in the Fomento Cooperativo agency. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration. She is an active participant in cooperative, women's, environmental, and community organizations.

She is a resident of Cooperativa de Vivienda Ciudad Universitaria (a housing cooperative) and has served in several of the cooperative's board positions, including president. She has served as president of the education committee of Cooperativa de Ahorro y Credito La Puertorriqueña and on the gender committee of the Liga de Cooperativas de Puerto Rico. In addition, she has served on the board of Cooperativa de Seguros Múltiples de Puerto Rico, holding the positions of secretary and vice president of the board as well as serving on several important board committees.

**Cathy Statz, Education Director, Wisconsin Farmers Union, Chippewa Falls**

Cathy Statz is education director of the Wisconsin Farmers Union (WFU), which is headquartered in Chippewa Falls, WI. She coordinates a variety of cooperative education programs for Farmers Union members, their children, and the general public. She grew up on a dairy farm near Sauk Prairie, WI, where she was active in the WFU youth and summer camp program.

In 1997, she completed the National Cooperative Business Association's Future Co-op Leaders program in Washington, D.C. She participates in the New Visions, New Ventures

cooperative discussion group in the Twin Cities (Minneapolis/St. Paul). She has been a member of ACE since she began working for Wisconsin Farmers Union in 1997, and was named the 1999 recipient of the ACE William Hlushko Award honoring Young Cooperative Educators.

**Jessica Gordon Nembhard, Assistant Professor, African-American Studies, and Principal, Democracy Collaborative, University of Maryland, College Park**

Dr. Jessica Gordon Nembhard is assistant professor and political economist in the African American Studies Department and co-founder of The Democracy Collaborative at the University of Maryland, College Park. She specializes in economic development policy and Black political economy. Her research focuses on democratic community-based economic development, cooperative economics and worker ownership, alternative urban economic and educational development strategies, racial wealth inequality and wealth accumulation in communities of color, and popular economic literacy.

Her recent publications include “Cooperatives and Wealth Accumulation” in the *American Economic Review*, “Non Traditional Analyses of Cooperative Economic Impacts” in the *Review of International Co-operation*, “Cooperative Ownership in the Struggle for African American Economic Empowerment” in *Humanity & Society*, and “On the Road to Democratic Economic Participation: Educating African American Youth in the Post-Industrial Global Economy” in *Black Education: A Transformative Research and Action Agenda for the New Century*.

Recipient of a Henry C. Welcome Fellowship Grant from the Maryland Higher Education Commission, she has been a member of the Black Enterprise Board of Economists since October 1999 and she is treasurer of the National Economic Association. She was a visiting scholar and senior urban fellow at Brown University’s Annenberg Institute for School Reform from June 1998-June 2000. She earned a Ph.D. and an M.A. in Economics from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst; and a B.A. degree, magna cum laude, in Literature and African American Studies from Yale University; and an M.A.T. in Elementary Curriculum and Teaching from Howard University.

**Colette Lebel, Director of Cooperative Affairs, La Coop fédérée de Québec, Montréal**

Colette Lebel has been active in the agricultural cooperative movement since 1986. She obtained her degree in Bio-Agronomy from the Université Laval and went on to become a cooperative consultant, then general secretary for a regional cooperative. She first joined La Coop fédérée, Montréal, QC, in 1994 as a cooperative education consultant and she advanced to the position of director of cooperative affairs in 2000. She now oversees cooperative training and the development of the cooperative identity within the network.

She is president of the ACE board of directors. She serves on the board of the Association des communicateurs et rédacteurs agricoles (a professional organization for French-language journalists and others involved in agricultural communications), on the Advising Committee for the Cooperative Research Institute of Sherbrooke University, and on the Project Committee for the Fondation pour l’éducation à la coopération (a foundation dedicated to cooperative education). She is also an active member of the Table des responsables de la formation coopérative du Québec (a committee that brings together cooperative educators from different co-op sectors in Québec).

A collaborator on *Le Coopérateur agricole*, an informative magazine about the cooperative farming industry, she was awarded the Prix Moïse-Cossette 2000 for best overall agricultural communicator of the year. She received the 2004 ACE Award for Professional Contribution by an ACE member.