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Has a strong academic background in Social Sciences and Urban Studies. She is passionate about field work, applied research, activism and bottom-up/collaborative action. Her professional experience ranges from archival research to project design and management. She has worked in different municipalities around the island of Puerto Rico supervising archaeological research, as field-worker and urban planner. In 2008, she took a turn in her professional career due to a growing interest in urbanism and moved to Barcelona where she completed a Master's degree in Collaborative Urban Design. Back in her homeland, she envisioned a great opportunity to combine all of her professional interest and co-funded *Casa Taft 169*, a grassroots initiative pursuing an "off-grid" rehabilitation of a long time abandoned property as headquarter for community based development and urban blight advocacy in Puerto Rico. Her experience placed her at the forefront of *Todos Somos Herederos* [We Are All Heirs] campaign to achieve new policies towards "public nuisances" without living owners or heirs. She worked for *La Maraña*, a nonprofit dedicated to participatory community planning. In 2017 she co-founded the *Center for the Reconstruction of the Habitat* ("CRH" by its Spanish acronym), the only organization in Puerto Rico that supports state and local governments, community organizations, and other nonprofits in their efforts to abate blight and create Community Land Banks. Her expertise includes urban mobility, pedestrian infrastructure, placemaking and sustainable urban development. Her professional interests range from experimental collaborative and multidisciplinary work to design and communication.

## **Academic**

Official Master in Urban Design: Art, City and Society  
University of Barcelona, Spain / 2008 – 2010

Master in Urban Planning (Minor in Urban Transportation)  
Graduate School of Planning  
University of Puerto Rico / 2003 – 2006

Bachelor in Arts and Sciences (Major in Anthropology) - *Cum Laude*  
University of Puerto Rico / 1993 – 2000

## **Relevant Experience**

Co-founder and Coordinator - *Casa Taft 169* / 2013 - current

Co-founder y Co-director - Center for Habitat Reconstruction, Inc. / 2017 - 20

Adjunct Professor - Cultural Agency and Administration Graduate Program  
Rio Piedras Campus, University of Puerto / 2017 - 20

Coordinator - Technical Assistance Hub - Housing and Secure Tenure  
Filantropía Puerto Rico / 2019

Community Planning Lead - Whole Community Resilience Planning Program  
(CDBG-DR Action Plan), Foundation for Puerto Rico / 2019

Consultant and Researcher - *La Maraña* / 2015 - 17

Co-coordinator - Creative and Civic Conviviality Program, Pedro G. Goyco Public  
School /Contemporary Art Museum of Puerto Rico / 2014 - 15

Consultant and Researcher - La Coalición [The Coalition] *Community Outreach  
Guidelines for Ciudadela's Urban Park* / Putnam Bridge LLC / 2014

Researcher - *Oso Blanco State's Historic Penitentiary, Ethnological Mitigation  
Assessment* / Puerto Rico's Science, Technology and Research Trust / 2014

Researcher - Urbanism Division / Department of Transportation and Public Works of Puerto Rico / 2006-08

### **Fellowships and Other**

Fellow - Summer Predoctoral Institute (SPI) / Graduate College / University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign / 2021

Grantee - *Escuela de Incidencia* - School of Advocacy / Ciudadanía Inteligente and Espacios Abiertos  
San Juan, Puerto Rico / 2018

Grantee - *AS220 Practice//Practice* Professional and Organizational Development Program / Providence, Rhode Island / 2018

Grantee - *Detroit/Puerto Rico Solidarity Exchange Network Gathering & 19th Annual Allied Media Conference* / Detroit, Michigan / 2017

Grantee - *Merit and Exceptional Performances Grant* / Dean for Graduate Studies and Research, University of Puerto Rico / Río Piedras, Puerto Rico / 2006

Fellow - *Professional Development Program ATI-UPR-UPPR* / Department of Transportation and Public Works / Commonwealth of Puerto Rico / 2004-05

### **Conferences and Presentations**

Presenter - *From the Right to the City to the Right to Squat* / International Approaches to Creative Placemaking / Department of Urban and Regional Planning / University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign / 11.4.2021

Speaker - *New Opportunities for the Disposition of Abandoned Properties* - Eugenio Maria de Hostos First Geography Congress  
San Juan, Puerto Rico / 1.11.2019

Speaker - *Challenges and Opportunities in Managing Vacant Properties* - Harvard Puerto Rico Winter Institute / University of Puerto Rico / San Juan, Puerto Rico / 11.1.2019

Speaker - *From Private Property to Collective Property in the Neoliberal Era*  
First World Forum / VIII Conference - Consejo Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Ciencias Sociales [Latin American and Caribbean Council on Social Sciences] / National University of the Arts / Buenos Aires, Argentina / 11.23.2018

Speaker and Panelist - *¡Aquí Vive Gente! On Peoples' Struggle for a Place - PR After Maria: Unnatural Disasters and Community Responses* / University of Massachusetts - Amherst / 30.3.2018

Panelist - *[The right to the city: censorship of the public space]* / School of Architecture, University of Puerto Rico / Río Piedras, Puerto Rico / 5.3.2017

Presenter - *Todos Somos Herederos [We are all heirs] Round Tables Workshop*  
Architects and Landscape Architects Board of Puerto Rico / San Juan, Puerto Rico / 11.5.2016

Panelist - *El Junte [Gathering of Urban Organizations]* / Urban Studies Program, College of General Studies / University of Puerto Rico / Río Piedras, Puerto Rico / 10.27.2016

Presenter - *Todos Somos Herederos [We are all heirs]* / Urban, Community and Business Action Center (CAUCE) / Río Piedras, Puerto Rico / 10.26.2016

Speaker - *Casa Taft 169 and La Maraña* / Creative Time Summit 2016- Occupy the Future / Lincoln Theater, Washington DC / 10.14.2016

Online: <http://creativetime.org/summit/2016/10/25/marina-moscoso-arabia/>

Speaker - *[Public nuisances, abandoned spaces, urban inventories and GIS: tools for municipal planners to handle real estate]* / Puerto Rican Planning Society, East University / Carolina, Puerto Rico / 9.27.2016

Speaker - *[Engagement, civic empowerment and planning in the face of crisis]*  
Graduate School of Planning, University of Puerto Rico / Río Piedras, Puerto Rico / 5.5.2016

Panelist - *[Critical thinking forum - Urbanism democratization of the public space]*  
Compartir es Vivir/Le Monde Diplomatique Puerto Rico / Mayagüez, Puerto Rico / 3.30.2016

Speaker - [*Casa Taft 169, from the right to squatter to the right to the city* Colloquium: Right to the cities and public space in Latin America] / VII Conference - Consejo Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Ciencias Sociales [Latin American and Caribbean Council on Social Sciences] / Medellín, Colombia / 11.11.2015

### Distinctions

Rafael and Celestina Cordero Award to 35 Builders of Hope / Community Foundation of Puerto Rico / 2021

Selected Project - Casa Taft 169 / *Escuchando las Voces [Listening to their voices]* 1st Community and Participatory Design Exposition of Puerto Rico  
Itinerant Exhibition, Puerto Rico / 2017

Winner - *Somos Machuchal / Casa Taft 169* / ArtPlace America National Creative Placemaking Fund / 2016

More information available online:

<https://www.artplaceamerica.org/funded-projects/somos-machuchal>

Special Award - Casa Taft 169 *Political and Citizen Solidarity for the Health* V Puerto Rican Conference for Public Health / 2016

Special Mention - [*"We are all heirs": from the subversion of the private to a reform of the public from the civil society*] Program to support committed research, disputes for the public in Latin America and the Caribbean. Consejo Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Ciencias Sociales [Latin American and Caribbean Council on Social Sciences] (CLACSO) / 2016

Jury – [Project *Santurce, 30 years of the MAC in the neighborhood*]  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Puerto Rico / 2014

### Publications

English / Printed

Rubiano, D., Moore, E., Moscoso, M., Gallardo, L., Puerto Rico's Public School Closures; Community Effects & Future Paths. Berkeley, CA: Othering & Belonging Institute, (2020)

<http://belonging.berkeley.edu/puerto-ricos-public-school-closures>

English / Digital

*Machuchaleras Honoring Ivelisse Rivera* (2020)

*Casa Taft 169 groundbreaking grassroots solutions in Puerto Rico* (2017)

Available: <https://www.artplaceamerica.org/blog/casa-taft-169-groundbreaking-grassroots-solutions-puerto-rico>

Spanish / Printed

Moscoso, M., Nieto, V., Berdecía, H., Historic Nomination of Lucchetti School in Condado. Report to Puerto Rico's Planning Board, (May, 2021)

Spanish / Digital

*Tres olvidos y una propuesta* (2016)

*Las imprescindibles* (2016)

*Andando a la escuela* (2015)

*Silencio en los pasillos* (2015)

*Escuela de la comunidad* (2014)

*Casa Taft 169* (2013)

Available online: [www.lacalleloiza.com/author/marina-moscoso/](http://www.lacalleloiza.com/author/marina-moscoso/)

*Activación Edificio Puerto Rico* (2017)

*Casa Taft #169, un rescate urbano* (2013)

Available online: <http://www.80grados.net/>

### Blog y Social Networks

<https://casataft169.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/CasaTAFT.169>

### Languages

Spanish - [Native] Excellent / English - Proficient / Italian - Fair / Catalan - Fair