

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**Deepak Lamba-Nieves**

**EDUCATION**

***Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA***

**Doctoral Candidate, Department of Urban Studies and Planning** (Fall 2008- to present)  
International Development Group  
Dissertation Topic: Migration, Development and the role of hometown associations  
Committee Members: Diane E. Davis, Peggy Levitt, and Richard Locke  
Expected Defense: Summer 2014

***University of California- Berkeley, Berkeley, CA***

**Masters in City and Regional Planning (MCP)**, (December 2002)  
Regional Planning and Development Concentration  
Thesis Topic: High-Technology Policy, Institutions and Economic Development in Puerto Rico  
Thesis Committee: AnnaLee Saxenian, Manuel Castells and Richard Walker

***University of Puerto Rico - Río Piedras Campus, Río Piedras, Puerto Rico***

**Bachelors in Arts (Economics)**, (May 1998)  
GPA: 3.96 / 4.0 (*Summa Cum Laude*)  
Honor Student and Dean's List

***Colegio San José, Río Piedras, Puerto Rico***

**High School Diploma**, (May 1994)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Department of Urban Studies and Planning and Sloan School of Management

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Introduction to International Development Planning (Fall 2009, Fall 2010)  
Methods: Thesis Preparation for International Development Group (Spring 2010)  
Practicum: Linking Urban and National Development Goals in Puerto Rico (Fall 2011)  
Puerto Rico Lab: Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Economic Development (Fall 2012)

**Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico**, School of Architecture

Instructor (January 2006- May 2008)  
Capstone Research 1  
City Lab (Puerto Rico in Orlando)  
Urbanism 1

**University of Puerto Rico- Río Piedras Campus**, Department of Geography

Instructor (January 2004- May 2005)  
Elements of Geography  
Introduction to Planning  
Development Geography

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Center for a New Economy**, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Churchill G. Carey Jr. Chair in Economic Development Research (January 2013- to present)

The Center is a non-profit, non-partisan think tank dedicated to promoting progressive economic development policy

### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Department of Urban Studies and Planning

Research Assistant

Research Assistant for Professor Diane E. Davis (Spring 2009)

Puerto Rico Economic Project at MIT (Spring 2011- Fall 2012)

### **Harvard University**, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs

Project Manager (Spring 2010- Fall 2012)

Transnational Studies Initiative

### **Center for the New Economy**, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Non-Resident Senior Fellow (September 2008- December 2012)

### **Center for the New Economy**, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Research Director (September 2002- August 2008)

*Responsible for directing all aspects related to scholarly research and new project development*

### **Institute of Urban and Regional Development**, University of California, Berkeley

HUD Community Development Fellow, (September 2000- May 2002)

*Produced research and aided in program management for 3 non-profit entities throughout the duration of the Work-Study Program*

Placements:

*PolicyLink*, Oakland, CA

*Local Initiatives Support Corporation*, San Francisco, CA

*Bay Area School of Enterprise*, Alameda, CA

### **San Juan Neighborhood Housing Services Corporation**, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Projects Developer, (September 1999- June 2000)

*Administered and developed affordable housing projects and oversaw all of the organization's activities related to loan products and infrastructure developments. Linked the organization with other local, community-based non-profit corporations.*

### **Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation-Puerto Rico Field Office**, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Community Development Intern, (August 1998- September 1999)

National Non-Profit Corporation established by Act of Congress in 1978 (P.L. 95-557) dedicated to neighborhood revitalization.

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

### **Advisory Board Member**

*ENLACE Project at the Martín Peña Channel*

Resident-driven, comprehensive planning initiative that aims to revitalize 8 communities surrounding the Martín Peña Channel.

(2005- to present)

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

**MIT Community Innovators Lab Dissertation Grant** (2011)

**MIT Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant** (2010)

**Harold Horowitz (1951) Student Research Fund-** Awardee (2009)

**Emerson Travel Grant**

Department of Urban Studies and Planning- MIT (2008)

**Lloyd and Nadine Rodwin Travel Award**

Department of Urban Studies and Planning- MIT (2008)

**Departmental Doctoral Financial Award**

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**HUD Community Development Fellowship**

University of California-Berkeley

**Graduate Opportunity Program Scholarship Recipient**

University of California-Berkeley (Academic Year 2000-2001)

**Harry S. Truman Scholar - Puerto Rico (1998)**

**University of Puerto Rico-Social Sciences College Dean's Award (Economics)**

Awarded to the highest ranked economics student in the graduating class of 1998

**Honor Student, University of Puerto Rico - Río Piedras Campus (August 1995 - May 1998)**

**Honors Scholarship, University of Puerto Rico - Río Piedras Campus**

(August 1995 - May 1996; August 1997 - May 1998)

**Appearance in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges" (1998)**

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES PAPERS**

"Furthering the Discussions on the Migration-Development Nexus: Dominican HTAs and Their Development Impacts" presented at the APPAM International Conference: *Migration a World in Motion*, University of Maastricht, Netherlands. (February 2010).

"Escalas de las comunidades imaginarias: de lo local a lo transnacional y viceversa" ("Scaling Imagined Communities: From Local to Transnational and Back") presented at the RECIM (Continental Network of Comparative Research on Informality in Metropolises) Seminar, Mexico City, Mexico (January 2010).

**DOMESTIC CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP PAPERS**

"Diasporas and Home Country Politics: False Promise or Opportunity?"  
Roundtable Panel, Latin American Studies Association Conference  
Chicago, IL (May 2014)

"Migration, Development and Local Transformations: The Transnational Practices of Dominican Hometown Associations"  
PhD Workshop, MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning  
Cambridge, MA (November 2012)

"Migration, Development and Local Transformations: The Transnational Practices of Dominican Hometown Associations"  
American Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference  
Cincinnati, OH (November 2012)

"Dominican Hometown Associations: Transnational Ties, State-Society Dynamics and Opportunities for Development"  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Regular Session)  
Las Vegas, NV (August 2011)

"Dominican Hometown Associations and their Development Impacts"  
Transnational Studies Initiative  
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (November 2010).

"Dominican Hometown Associations and their Development Impacts"  
Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Workshop  
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (October 2010).

“Collective Social Remittances Revisited”  
National Immigrant Integration Conference  
Boston, MA (September 2010)

### **INVITED TALKS**

“Overcoming the D’s of Diaspora Engagement”  
Roundtable Discussion: Global Diaspora Forum  
Washington, DC (May 2013)

“Migración, desarrollo y transformaciones locales” (Migration, development and local transformations)  
Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE)  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (February 2013)

“Transnational Communities and Social Remittances: The Case of the Dominican Republic”  
Panel Activity: Social and Knowledge Remittances and Development  
Miami Dade College, Miami, FL (December 2012)

“Social Remittances and Development Logics: Social Trans(actions) from Boston to Baní, and from Baní to Boston”  
Panel Activity: *Just Passing Through? Mediating Scales and Landscapes of Migration in the Dominican Republic.*  
MIT, Cambridge, MA (April 2011).

“Furthering the Discussions on the Migration-Development Nexus: A Closer Look at Dominican Hometown Associations and Their Development Impacts”  
Planners Network Graduate Research Salon  
Graduate School of Design, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (April 2010)

“A Fresh Perspective: The Status of Asset Poor Communities”  
National Council of La Raza Conference: Building Wealth in a Troubled Economy  
Washington, DC (June 2008)

“El paisaje neoliberal: notas para un debate.” (The Neoliberal Landscape: Notes for a Debate)  
Panel Activity: *El paisaje neoliberal: la economía del territorio* (The Neoliberal Landscape: The Economy of the Territory)  
Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR (March 2007)

“The Economy of Puerto Rico: Restoring Growth”  
ASPIRA Conference: *Hacia un Puerto Rico Digital*  
San Juan, PR (September 2006)

“Lecciones del mall.” (Lessons from the Mall)  
Panel Activity: *Arcadas de las estaciones 20-21: Visiones de los centros comerciales en Puerto Rico,*  
University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR (November 2005)

“Commentary”  
Panel Activity: *Decorar es gobernar: la agenda oculta del proyecto de Arte Público*  
University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR (August 2005)

### **SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES**

“Puerto Ricans flock north, away from battered economy” by Arian Campo-Flores  
*Wall Street Journal*, January 6, 2014.

“Puerto Rico, with at least \$70 billion in debt, confronts rising economic misery” by Michael Fletcher  
*Washington Post*, November 30, 2013.

“¿Quién responde por las deudas de Puerto Rico?” by Natalia Guerrero  
*BBC Mundo*, October 23, 2013.

"Boricuas: ¿Por qué buscan el norte?" Interview with Xavier Serbiá  
*CNN en Español*, October 7, 2013.

"Analysis: Puerto Rico's population drops as economy wobbles" by Michael Connor  
*Reuters*, September 10, 2013.

"Economic History of the Dominican Republic"  
*Economía ciudadana*  
Radio Universidad de Puerto Rico (WRTU 89.7 FM), aired October 13, 2011

I have given numerous interviews to the Puerto Rican press on a range of topics related to economic development and migration. My expert opinions have appeared in *El Nuevo Día*, *El Vocero*, *Caribbean Business*, *Claridad*, *NotiCel*, and *Sin comillas*, amongst local other outlets.

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

### **Peer Reviewed Journals**

"Rethinking the Migration-Development Nexus from the Perspective of Time" (with Peggy Levitt) *Migration Letters* 10, no. 1 (2013): 11-22.

"Social Remittances Revisited" (with Peggy Levitt) *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 37, no.1 (2011): 1-22.

### **Book Chapters**

"Bringing Culture Back In: Opportunities and Challenges for the Migration Development Nexus" (with Peggy Levitt) In eds. Joseph Stiglitz, *Managing Migration: Maximizing Development and Well-being in Sending and Receiving Nations*. New York: Columbia University Press. 2013: 67-92.

"Hometown Associations" In ed. Immanuel Ness, *Encyclopedia of Global Human Migration*. New York: Wiley. 2013 [www.migrationencyclopedia.com]

"Escalas de las comunidades imaginarias: de lo local a lo transnacional y viceversa" En eds. Felipe de Alba y Frederic Lesemann, *Informalidad e incertidumbre: ¿cómo estudiamos la informalización en las metrópolis?* México: UNAM. 2012: 149-162.

"Economía de Puerto Rico" in *Enciclopedia de Puerto Rico*. ed. Pedro San Miguel. Madrid: Editorial Océano, 2007. 1040-1051.

### **Book Reviews**

Review of "The New Puerto Rico? Identity, Hybridity and Transnationalism within the Puerto Rican Diaspora in Orlando, Florida" by Luis Sánchez. *CENTRO: Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies* 22, no. 1 (2010): 309-311.

### **Academic Journals**

"La ciudad *fortuñista* y la lógica de la hiper planificación / The *Fortuñista* City and the Logic of Hyperplanning" *Polimorfo: ArqPoli Journal*. Vol. 2 (2010): 86-89.

"Un verano en Orlando: Reflexiones sobre un viaje/ A Summer in Orlando: Reflections on a Voyage" *Polimorfo: ArqPoli Journal*. Vol. 1 (2009): 26-31.

"Lecciones del Mall" *Filos*. Num. 3 (2007). 127-135.

"Restoring Growth in Puerto Rico: The Economic and Policy Challenges" (with Miguel A. Soto-Class) *Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy*. vol. 19 (2006-2007): 93-99.

## Policy Briefs and Position Papers

*Los/las trabajadores/as pobres en Puerto Rico: La situación y las posibles soluciones.* Center for the New Economy (Policy Brief). 2007. (with Sergio Marxuach)

*Recomendaciones para atender la difícil situación fiscal de Puerto Rico.* Center for the New Economy (Policy Brief). 2006.

*Getting Serious about Biotech: Challenges and Opportunities for Puerto Rico.* Center for the New Economy (Policy Brief). 2005.

*Silicon Reef: Puerto Rico's Path to the Digital Economy.* Center for the New Economy (Position Paper). 2003.

## Magazines

"Tensiones y distancias sociales: tres visitas fugaces" *Entorno* Num. 21. Vol 2. 2012: 65-71.

"El mago, el urbanista y el político: Entrevista con Enrique Peñalosa" *Entorno*. Num. 3. Jul 2006: 12-13.

"Entrepreneurial Academia: Joining Forces to Promote Economic Growth. *Caribbean Business, 2005 Annual Special Edition*: 44-45.

"Carving a New Competitive Advantage: Beyond Tax Incentives" *Caribbean Business, 2003 Annual Special Edition*: 34-37.

## Selected Newspaper Columns

Op-ed: "Aprendizaje, desarrollo y capacidades locales" *Negocios- Periódico el Nuevo Día*. Jan. 5 2013.

Op-ed: "Ni público ni privado: co-producido" *Negocios- Periódico el Nuevo Día*. Oct. 31 2103.

Op-ed: "Una tradición tributaria fatídica" *Negocios del Domingo- Periódico el Nuevo Día*. Jun. 16 2013.

Op-ed: "La ceguera del mito migratorio" *Negocios del Domingo- Periódico el Nuevo Día*. Apr. 7 2013.

Op-ed: "Una conversación tierra adentro" *Negocios del Domingo- Periódico el Nuevo Día*. Aug. 19 2012.

Op-ed: "El reto transnacional" *Negocios del Domingo- Periódico el Nuevo Día*. Jun. 3 2012.

Op-ed: "Estación llamando a tierra" *El Vocero*. Oct. 11 2011.

Op-ed: "Desastres urbanos y buenas intenciones de planificación" *El Vocero*. Jul. 1 2011.

Op-ed: "Gracias a la guagua aérea" *Revista Negocios- Periódico el Nuevo Día*. Aug. 29 2010.

"Retos de la biotecnología cubana: ¿Una nueva revolución?" *Diálogo*. Sep-Oct 2007: 9.

"El paisaje neoliberal: notas para un debate." *Revista Domingo- Periódico el Nuevo Día*. Jun. 10 2007.

"Modelos para erradicar la pobreza." *Diálogo*. Apr-May 2007:11.

"El precio de una 'inflación inflada'" *Negocios del Domingo- Periódico el Nuevo Día*. Feb 11 2007.

"Desigualdad económica y pobreza: Reenfocando el debate." *Diálogo*. Mar-Apr 2007: 4.

Book Review: "Desalambrar" *Diálogo*. Mar-Apr 2007: 29. (*Desalambrar: orígenes de los rescates de terreno* by Liliana Cotto Morales)

Op-ed: "Revolución cubana en la biotecnología", *Negocios del Domingo- Periódico el Nuevo Día*. Nov. 26 2006: 6.

Book Review: "Vías alternas para encaminar a la economía" *Letras- Periódico el Nuevo Día*. Jan. 22 2006: 10. (*El*

*Callejón del Sapo: teoría y gestión del cooperativismo* by Francisco Cátala)

Book Review: "La economía y el fenómeno *freak*." *Diálogo*. Oct-Nov 2005: 33. (*Freakonomics* by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner)

"Apuntes en torno al quehacer económico del país y la Universidad de Puerto Rico." *Diálogo*. Ago-Sept 2005: 6-7.

Op-ed: "El reto biotecnológico." *Negocios del Domingo- Periódico el Nuevo Día*. Jul. 10 2005: 8.

Book Review: "La ruta más escabrosa." *Revista Domingo- Periódico el Nuevo Día*. Jan. 30 2005. 15 (*Puerto Rico: Negotiating Development and Change* by James Dietz)

Book Review: "The Elusive Quest for Growth: Economists' Adventures and Misadventures in the Tropics" (Book Review), *Merk2s de Puerto Rico*, Nov. 2004.

### **COMMITTEES AND SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Reviewer, *International Migration*

Reviewer, *Emotion, Space and Society*

Student Representative, *Faculty Search Committee: Demographic Change, Migration, Race*, DUSP- MIT (2012)

Student Representative, *PhD Admissions Committee*, DUSP- MIT (2010)

Student Representative, *Curriculum Committee*, DCRP-UC Berkeley (2002)

Co-President, *Students of Color in Planning*, DCRP-UC Berkeley (Fall 2000- Spring 2002)

Student Representative, *MCP Admissions Committee*, DCRP-UC Berkeley (2001)

### **TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

***Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Training Institute*** (1998-2000)

Modules completed:

Affordable housing development

Grant proposal writing

Community planning

***Mortgage Bankers School of Puerto Rico*** (1999)

Principles of Mortgage Banking

### **LANGUAGES**

I am a native Spanish and English speaker.

### **MAJOR PROJECTS UNDERWAY**

**Migration, Development and Local Transformations: The Transnational Practices of Dominican Hometown Associations** (Doctoral dissertation project)

**Immigrant Experiences Accessing Social Services: An Unexamined Dimension of Assimilation**  
(with Mary Waters, Rocío Calvo and Marie-Laure Mallet)

**Encouraging Formal Work and Asset Building: Improving Nutritional Assistance Policy in Puerto Rico**  
(with Gustavo J. Bobonis, Frederico Finan and Marco González-Navarro)