

# LUIS QUIROS, M.P.A., M.S.W.

Born of Puerto Rican blood, raised on the streets of Harlem - activist, community organizer, scholar, social commentator, educator and recent author – defending dignity and pursuing social justice for marginalized communities viewed as “*others*”.

## Education

- Union Theological Seminary – Doctoral Courses in Christian Ethics, Theology, Liberation and World Order, Sexual Ethics in NYC, Post-colonial Social Ethics Theory (2013-2015)
- Fordham University - Doctoral Level Course – Race, Poverty and the Disenfranchised
- Hunter Graduate School of Social Work, Masters Social Work (1996) Community Organizing and Administration concentration.
- New York University Wagner School of Public Administration, Masters in Public Administration, Urban Economics (1973).
- Pace University, Bachelor in Business Administration (1970)

## Core Competencies

- Effective, devoted, and enthusiastic educator, activist and advocate
- Strong observation, coaching and mentoring skills
- Experienced in assisting communities of color and marginalized conditions
- Excellent cross-cultural communication skills and culturally-competent practice methodology
- In-depth knowledge of social services, macro and micro systems at play in delivery and/or access to services and proven ability to coordinate projects and programs within those conditions
- Gender Studies & Systemic Intersectionality

## Professional Experiences

### *An Other's Mind*

Author, Published January 2011 - AuthorHouse

### **Q's Justice Unplugged**

Weekly hour-long show on talk radio that explores social issues with a focus on their historical roots; their intersections with race, class, gender and political implications; their global connections and an analysis of humanity and dignity. – WVOX 1460 (wvox.com livestream) every Monday, 6-7PM.

### **Fordham University College of Liberal Studies / Westchester Campuses**

Adjunct Professor Spring 2004 – Present

Courses:        Issues in Legal & Political Studies / Sociology  
                    Gender, Race & Class  
                    Urban Poverty  
                    Hispanics in the USA  
                    Contemporary Social Issues & Policy  
                    Democracy & Social Movements

Inequalities in the USA  
Awarded Outstanding Faculty of the Year 2007 -2008

### **Metropolitan College**

Adjunct Professor 2007 – 2014

Courses: Social Issues & Policy  
Social/Political/Economic Dynamics of Communities  
Economics & Ethics  
Comparative Philosophies of Education  
US History After the Reconstruction

### **York College**

Adjunct Professor 2009 - 2011

Course: Social Issues & Policy

### **Fordham Professor Graduate School of Human Services / Westchester**

Adjunct Professor 2007-2008

Courses: Community Organizing and Social Justice  
Organized Forum on Race County of Westchester

### **Memberships and Board of Directors Experiences**

Campaign for Fair Latino Representation (CFLR) – Developing a Progressive Policy Agenda  
Bronx team member, August 2015 – present

Lower Hudson Valley Civil Liberties Union  
Vice Chair 2004 – 2016

New York State Civil Liberties Union – State Board  
Board Member 2004 – 2009

WESTCOP, Inc. - Westchester Community Opportunity Program ([www.westcop.org](http://www.westcop.org))  
Chairperson – 2005 - 2009  
Community Service Award – 2005  
Treasurer 2001 – 2004

Conexión Latina – Latino Parent & Student Group  
(Formerly Padres Unidos Committee President) 2011—2014

Westchester Council on Crime & Delinquency  
Treasurer – 1999-2013 (council closed)

### **Other Community Participation & Awards**

- Panelist, “The Enduring Legacy of Slavery in Cuba: A Continuum Between Blacks of the Diaspora” at Casa de Africa in Havana, Cuba – July 29, 2016.
- Panelist, “Quien Eres Tu? A Shared History in the Americas” – New Rochelle My Brother’s Keeper Initiative – Kelly Theater, New Rochelle – February 2016.
- Guest Speaker, “An Other’s Mind: Silent Forms of Oppression and its Impact on Social Policy” – Ethical Culture of Northern Westchester – December 2014.

- Panelist, “Right to Learn” Discussion on Educational Justice & Reform – Greenburgh Library – March 2014.
- Program presenter, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Westchester County Latino Youth Leadership Conference March 16, 2013 – New Rochelle High School – “History in the Present Tense”
- Panelist, Annual Black History Month Celebration – Queensboro Correctional Facility, February 15, 2013 – “Harlem Renaissance: Our Place in History”
- Webinar Presenter, “Unraveling Macro Tensions to Expose Silent Forms of Oppression” (<https://vimeo.com/55141594>) for the National Organization for Forensic Social Workers – December 6, 2012.
- Keynote Speaker, Family University Program 2012 – New Rochelle School District – “The Immigrant Educational Experience in Westchester”
- Keynote Speaker, Osborne Association’s Hispanic Heritage Celebration, Bronx, NY – October 25, 2011
- Facilitator, Screening of “Waiting for Superman” in New York, NY – March 14, 2011 – Sponsored by Vacamas Youth Programs NY/NJ
- Community Service Award – March 3, 2011 – The Adult Learning Center, Ursuline Social Outreach, New Rochelle, NY
- Commissioned to conduct a Day Laborer Study for Mamaroneck, NY. During May 2006. Study was critical for lawsuit against the village of Mamaroneck.  
Article on study *The Journal News*, June 10, 2006. Front page: “Laborers: Hiring Site not a top need”
- Panelist, Black and Latino Symposium February 28, 2002.
- Pace Law School of Social Justice – Panelist, Police Brutality Forum Series - Also known as “El Centro De Justicia Social.” 1999
- Study Circles – Facilitator – Embracing Diversity and Ending Racism. 1997- 2001
- Guest Speaker – Hispanic Issues Department of Treasury; August 31, 1992.

## **Organizing & Advocacy Experiences**

- Trained in Know Your Rights When Encountering Police and as a Legal Observer through the New York Civil Liberties Union.
- Campaign Manager for Cindy Holmes, Newburgh City Council Ward 4 Candidate – August 2013-November 2013. Community mobilization and outreach led to victory by one vote in the September primaries and a win of 59% of the votes on Election Day.
- Wrote Bill #S5684, dated December 21, 2001.  
2003-2004, Senators Oppenheimer, Brown and Parker ordered the bill to come into action. The Bill was to amend the education law in relation to providing fair educational practice.
- Member, Human Rights Commission – Mamaroneck, NY – 1999- 2003.
- Advisory Committee of Multicultural Training program at Hunter College Graduate School of Social Work. Developed curriculum on diversity.

## **Radio & Television**

- WBAI Pacifica Radio – 99.5 FM

- Guest Speaker, November 13, 2011 “Walden’s Pond” with Shelton Walden
- Guest Speaker, February & May 2013 “Wake Up Call” with Felipe Luciano
- HOT 97 New York, NY– 97.1FM
  - Guest Speaker, October 14, 2012 “Street Soldiers” with Lisa Evers – Topic: Policing the Police
- WPIX – Channel 11 News
  - Interviewed, September 8, 2012 “Bodega Worker Shot and Killed in Police Mistake”(http://bit.ly/1LK48rU)
- WVOX – AM Dial 1460
  - Guest Speaker on “Good Morning Westchester!” with Bob Marone  
May 11, 2011 & May 19, 2011
  - Guest Speaker on “Say Hey!” with Mark Lungariello
- WVOX – AM Dial 1460
  - March 2003 – August 2003
  - Weekly Lunch Time Radio Co- Host
  - Hispanics in America – Hispanics in WestchesterCommunity talk show informing and educating all communities;
  - FORMAT: Guest speakers and callers presenting a variety of social issues and related topics

## **Political, Social Justice& Social Work Advocacy in the Media**

- *Westchester Hispano*, Spanish-language publication circulated in Westchester and Connecticut - **Political Columnist**
  - Access to public schools under attack  
April 19, 2012
- The Sound & Town Report  
Community Activist Case Continues  
March 22, 2013
- The Sound & Town Report  
Community Members Support Local Activist  
March 7, 2013
- Larchmont-Mamaroneck Patch  
Community Activist Arrested in Front of Mamaroneck Home  
Author: Stefani Kim  
February 20, 2013
- Larchmont-Mamaroneck Patch  
“Looking Suspicious is Not Against the Law”  
Mam’k Activist Recalls Arrest  
February 21, 2013
- The Sound & Town Report  
Day Laborer Leads Protest Against Restaurant  
February 7, 2013
- *The Sound & Town Report*  
Recycling deposit isn’t ‘found money’  
July 12, 2012
- *The Sound & Town Report*
  - *The Sound & Town Report*  
Locals Visit “Occupy Wall Street”  
October 14, 2011
  - *The Sound & Town Report*  
Resident Challenges Social Constructs in New Book  
October 7, 2011
  - *The Journal News*  
Professor Tackles Race Issues  
August 4, 2011
  - *Larchmont-Mamaroneck Patch*  
We’re not all the same: Addressing Issues of Race and Culture  
June 1, 2011
  - *The Journal News*

WestCOP Expands Services for Low Income Residents, Immigrants  
August 7, 2009

- *The Journal News*  
College Educators Deserve Their Pay  
May 28, 2009
- *The Journal News*  
Nation Must Change Attitude on Latinos  
March 28, 2009
- *The Sound and Town*  
Rebuttal Hold Police to Same Hiring Standards  
July 25, 2008
- *The Journal News*  
Connecting The Dots on Social Justice  
January 15, 2008
- *The Journal News*, Opinion Column  
Church Should Not Have Canceled Forum  
July 25, 2007
- *El Aguila* bi-weekly newspaper  
Jan 2001- January 2007  
**Political Columnist**
- *The Journal News*, Opinion Column  
Lawsuit Doesn't Provide a Remedy  
November 6, 2006
- *The Journal News*, Opinion Column  
It's Harassment, Not Lawsuit That Divides Community  
October 23, 2006
- *The Journal News*, Opinion Column  
Tax Credits Mean More Power to Elite  
February 20, 2006
- *The Journal News*, Opinion Column

## Newspaper Contributions & References

- *Larchmont-Mamaroneck Patch*  
Mamaroneck School District Addresses Community About Civil Rights Complaint"  
Author: Stefani Kim  
October 2, 2012
  - *The Sound & Town Report*  
Parent Alleges School Segregation  
Author: Jason Chiveras  
September 21, 2012

Don't Use God to Promote Inequality  
September 22, 2004

- *The Journal News*  
Leaders Should Encourage Use of Spanish Language  
August 27, 2004
- *The Journal News*, Opinion Column  
Use of Word 'Slum' Promotes Stereotype  
August 21, 2003
- *The Journal News*, Opinion Column  
Death Penalty is a Failed Experiment  
June 2, 2003
- *The Journal News*; Opinion Column  
Justice Not Served in McVeigh Case  
June 9, 2001
- *The Journal News*; Opinion Column  
Equal Treatment Not Required of Private Schools  
July 10, 2000
- *The Journal News*; Opinion Column  
Prisons Have Become Big Business  
August 5, 2000
- *The Journal News*; Opinion Column  
Will of the People Must Be Determined  
November 14, 2000
- *The Sound & Town Report*; Opinion column  
Use of Surveillance Cameras, Racial Profiling, Must Stop  
June 11, 1999
- *Gannett Newspapers*; Opinion Column  
Focus on Nation's Real 'Crises'  
February 4, 1998

- *The Sound & Town Report*  
Group Questions Special Ed Placement of Immigrant Students  
Author: Laura Spear  
August 2, 2012
- *The Sound & Town Report*  
Secure Communities Law Has Residents on Edge  
Author: Laura Spear  
June 14, 2012

- *The Sound & Town Report*  
Eminent Historian John Hope Franklin  
Speaks at Mamaroneck High School  
Author: Paige Rentz  
December 1, 2006
- *The Journal News* – Letters  
No One Group Has Monopoly on  
Bigotry  
Author: Jeanne Broughel  
September 26, 2004
- *The Journal News*  
Voter Campaign Registers 300,000  
Hispanics  
Author: Jaime Garzon  
September 10, 2004
- *The Journal News*  
Village Asked to Oppose Patriot Act  
Author: Michelle J. Lee  
August 8, 2003
- *The Journal News*  
Luis Quiros Speaks of Where America  
Could Be  
Author: Glenn Nyback  
Friday, March 15, 2001
- *The Journal News*  
Hispanics Not Gaining Everywhere  
Author: Glenn Nyback  
Friday, May 11, 2001
- *The Journal News*  
Ideas Sought to Equalize School Aid  
Author: Jayne J. Feld  
Thursday, March 4, 1999
- *The Journal News*  
Parent's Gift to Youth: Prosperity  
Author: Oliver W. Prichard  
September 19, 1999
- *The Journal News*  
Hispanics Voice Safety Concern  
Author: Jayne J. Feld  
May 17, 1999
- *The Journal News*  
Littleton Shootings Strike at Heart of  
Suburbia  
Author: Leah Rae  
May 10, 1999
- *The Journal News*  
Day Laborers Get Gathering Site in Mount  
Kisco  
Author: Imran Vittachi and Andrea Grief  
February 23, 1999
- *The Patent Trader*  
Men Living in Swamp Finally Find Shelter  
Author: Eugene Driscoll  
February 19, 1999
- *The Journal News*  
4 Men Discovered Living in Shacks in  
Woods  
Author: Andrea Grief  
February 13, 1999
- *The Journal News; Gannett*  
Any Ethnic Group Can Overcome  
Discrimination"  
Author: Christina Norton  
February 11, 1998
- *Gannett Newspapers*  
Mamaroneck Candidates Stress Experience  
in School Board Race"  
Author: Noreen O'Donnell  
May 17, 1998