



Dr. Ileana Rodríguez-García

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Dr. Ileana Rodríguez-García was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where she completed pre-college education, a B.A. degree in Economics from El Colegio Universitario del Sagrado Corazon and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Puerto Rico. She holds a Doctorate in Education from Teachers College, Columbia University, with a focus on college teaching and academic leadership. Dr. Rodríguez is also a graduate of the Harvard University's Institute

for Educational Management. She is the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship and a Ford Foundation Fellowship for Leadership Training for Community College Administration.

Dr. Rodríguez-García has extensive experience as an educator and administrator. She has taught at City College, City Tech, Fiorello LaGuardia Community College, Lehman College, Kingsborough Community College, Central Michigan University, St. Joseph's College, InterAmerican University, and Universidad Central de Bayamon.

Her experience as an administrator is vast and includes the fields of housing and urban development, health care, human resources, and higher education administration.

Dr. Rodríguez served as the Interim President of New York Theological Seminary for almost two years and as the Chief Operating Officer for eight years. During her tenure at New York Theological Seminary, the seminary was re-accredited by the Association of Theological Schools and the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations presented its Award for Excellence to NYTS "for administrative excellence while achieving a high quality, rigorous program of practical theological education in a challenging inner-city environment." This was an unsolicited recognition to the institution and NYTS is the first seminary in the nation to be the recipient of this award. Dr. Rodríguez has also served as Vice President for Administration at New York City Technical College and as a Dean of Finance and Administration at Hostos Community College.

Doctor Rodríguez holds memberships in various professional, business and community organizations, including KAPPA DELTA PHI honor society, American Association for Higher Education, American Association of University Women, and the National Organization for Human Services. She also has extensive experience as a management consultant and has served on accrediting teams for the Association of Theological Schools of the United States and Canada, and the State of New Jersey Department of Education. She is a well-known speaker and has made numerous presentations at national and international conferences.

Dr. Rodríguez' areas of research interest include diversity, global teaching and learning, leadership development, and women in leadership. Her noted professional accomplishments include initiating programs to promote the health and wellness and personal enrichment of employees.

Her philosophy is to go the extra mile to meet the needs of others.