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## Top Skills

Research  
Qualitative Research  
Policy

## Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)  
Spanish (Native or Bilingual)

## Publications

Slavery in the 21st century: A call for action

Immigration controversies in Nebraska: Policies, politics and public perspectives

Qualitative analysis: Psychological impacts. In Nebraska Appleseed, The speed kills you: The voice of Nebraska's meatpacking workers

# Angel W. Colón-Rivera

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs  
Washington DC-Baltimore Area

## Experience

U.S. Department of Commerce  
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs  
October 2022 - Present (11 months)  
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

U.S. Census Bureau  
Chief, Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs  
February 2021 - Present (2 years 7 months)

United States Senate  
8 years 5 months

Senior Advisor  
February 2016 - February 2021 (5 years 1 month)  
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Principal advisor to the Senator on Puerto Rico; census; government and corporate diversity and inclusion; and Hispanic and minority outreach.

Successfully steered passage of the National Museum for the American Latino Act through Congress.

Organized high-level meetings between Democratic Senators and thought leaders, national experts and media representatives to address key issues within my portfolio as the Lead for the Senate Democratic Hispanic Task Force.

Represented the Senator at Member-level meetings of the 32 Representatives of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

Led and negotiated Senator's legislative priorities within four Congressional Hispanic Caucus Taskforces: Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce, and Member of the Immigration Taskforce, Puerto Rico Taskforce and Foreign Relations Taskforce.

Drafted and introduced legislation; floor speeches, talking points, vote recommendations, letters to the Administration and memos in my key issue areas; Work with House and Senate Committee staff to advance legislation.

Primary researcher and author of the Senator's flagship Fortune 100 Corporate Diversity Survey report.

#### Assistant to the Senator

April 2014 - February 2016 (1 year 11 months)

Manage day to day operations in State Field Office; promote outreach strategies to engage the community throughout the county and state; develop and maintain strategic relationships with local and state elected officials.

Represent the Senator at meetings and events concerning assigned areas; build and maintain strategic relationships with key advocacy groups and appropriate local and national authorities.

#### Immigration and Foreign Services Caseworker

October 2012 - February 2016 (3 years 5 months)

Manage a State wide portfolio securing federal assistance for constituents and businesses in the areas of: Citizenship and Immigration Services, Visa and Status Adjustments, Customs and Border Protection and Foreign Assets Control.

Assistance to United States Citizens (USC) overseas and USC parents undergoing International Childhood Abductions and Inter-country Adoptions of Hague and Non-Hague signatories.

#### U.S. House of Representatives

##### Policy Advisor

February 2012 - October 2012 (9 months)

Serve as primary advisor to the Member on issues related to Human Trafficking, Immigration, Housing, Homelessness, Postal Reform, and Arts and Entertainment

Draft legislation in assigned areas and provide strategic direction to legislative team in developing the Member's legislative priorities

Manage constituent federal grant request; track grant information and follow-up with supportive services

Engage in legislative research/projects, draft speeches/talking points, write press releases, track legislation, prepare committee hearing/mark-up binders and memos for the Member

Represent the Member at meetings and events concerning my assigned areas; build and maintain strategic relationships with key advocacy groups and Members of the Caucuses' on Human Trafficking and Homelessness

Organize congressional events that promote the Member's long and short-term legislative plan

### U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe Policy Advisor

September 2010 - March 2012 (1 year 7 months)

Primary advisor to the Bicameral Congressional Commission Chairs on Human Trafficking and Forced Labor, Refugees and Internally Displaced People as well as Housing in 56 countries in Europe and Asia

Represented the Commission in two high-level meetings on Refugees and Human Trafficking for the purpose of labor exploitation at the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe headquarters in Vienna, Austria. Assisted in drafting official position statements of the U.S. Mission to the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe at both events.

Wrote floor speeches and hearing statements on assigned issues for Commission Members

Organized two Hearings on Human Trafficking for Forced Labor and Transnational Organized Crime; invited key witnesses, drafted statements, policy memos, press releases and dear-colleague letters

### Library of Congress

Administrative Specialist GS 0301-09

January 2010 - August 2010 (8 months)

Conducted service unit Workforce Analysis by organizing a focus group interviews with key division and executive level staff to determine areas of growth within the Library; created the interview questionnaire and executed study logistics; briefed Senior Library staff on findings and recommendations

## University of Puerto Rico

6 years 5 months

### Program Coordinator

January 2008 - December 2009 (2 years)

Supervised and mentored a team of 10 undergraduate students seeking placement in national graduate programs; organized weekly seminars on research methods, grant writing and college applications training

### Research Assistant

August 2003 - December 2007 (4 years 5 months)

Led three major research projects on Workforce and Higher Education; Civic and Political Engagement; and Housing Disparities in Poor Communities in the Puerto Rico Metropolitan area

Designed studies from problem establishment, quantitative and qualitative methodology selection; survey and interview design; data analysis and final conclusions

Presented results at international conferences and peer-reviewed journals

## Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues

### Dalmas Taylor Public Policy Fellow

June 2009 - August 2009 (3 months)

Researched and analyzed of key policies issues debated in the 110th Congress, including: Comprehensive Immigration Reform; Seclusion and Restraint of Children in Schools; Healthcare for Hispanics; LGBT Rights

Wrote fact sheets and policy briefings based on the social science relating to those issues.

Worked on coalition building and meetings to address the issues with key stakeholders in Congress

## University of Nebraska-Lincoln

### Joint Public Policy Research Fellow with the Nebraska Appleseed

June 2008 - August 2008 (3 months)

Performed an assessment of the impact of the Nebraska Minority Justice Committee efforts on equal justice by conducting interviews, analyzing qualitative data and updating their research tools

Developed an analysis of identified funding sources in the State of Nebraska for children and adolescent services. Submitted a final policy report

Conducted interviews with migrant workers in the meat packing industry to assess the presence of psychological abuse among the workers. Analyzed qualitative data and developed a final report.

Conducted outreach efforts to educate the Latino/a migrant community about their legal rights in the United States

Helped organize the rural Latino/a community to help defeat a discriminatory housing ordinance in Fremont, Nebraska

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## Education

University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

Ph.D, Social- Community Psychology · (2003 - 2010)