

**Puerto Rico: After the Hurricane (Fall 2018)**  
**Seminar in Latino and Caribbean Studies (LCS 01:595:412:02)**  
**Instructor: Yarimar Bonilla**  
*Open to Juniors and Seniors*  
*Fulfills Capstone Requirement/Elective for LCS Major/Minor*

In September 2017 Hurricane Maria ripped across the island of Puerto Rico, leaving death and destruction in its path. In this seminar students will form a research team to examine the current humanitarian, environmental, human rights, and financial crises afflicting Puerto Rico as well as its recovery and resiliency. *The final product for the class will be a group multi-media project featuring the work of the team.*

For the first part of the seminar we will meet to discuss common readings, create a shared bibliography, and develop a research plan. Guided by individual strengths and interests, while still forming part of a structured group project, students will work on a larger interdisciplinary multi-media project incorporating history, literature, music, and art. Students will learn how to organize a research project, conduct library and web-based research, analyze primary and secondary sources, and share their findings with a broad audience through a digital platform.

**Course Learning Goals**

A complete description of Department Learning Goals and Major/Minor requirements can be found on the LCS website: <http://latcar.rutgers.edu/>

**Required Reading\***

Consult Rutgers Barnes & Noble for current books for the course. Additional articles and resources are available through the course Sakai site.



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