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### **POSTGRADUATE TRAINING**

07/2008 - 06/2010      Rheumatology Fellowship  
Division of Rheumatology, Allergy and Immunology  
Department of Medicine  
University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus  
San Juan, Puerto Rico  
(Chief Rheumatology Fellow, 07/2009-06/2010)

07/2007 - 06/2008      Chief Resident - Internal Medicine Program  
Department of Medicine  
University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

07/2004 - 06/2007      Internal Medicine Residency  
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**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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| July 2011      | Triple-S Recognition of Quality Award  |
| October 2006   | Second Prize in Clinical Vignette Competition<br>American College of Physicians, Puerto Rico Chapter |
| October 2005   | Third Prize in Clinical Vignette Competition<br>American College of Physicians, Puerto Rico Chapter  |
| 1997 - present | Golden Key National Honor Society  |
| 1996 - 2000    | Dean's Honor List - University of Puerto Rico  |

**RESEARCH**

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| 07/2010 - 06/2011 | Investigator<br>Subproject "A Genetic Risk Profile in Longitudinal SLE Cohorts (Subproject PI: Elizabeth E. Brown, PhD, University of Alabama at Birmingham)" of "Program Project in the Genetics of SLE (PROFILE)" (Program Project PI: Dr. Robert Kimberly, University of Alabama at Birmingham), NIH/NIAMS |
| 05/2007 - present | Principal Investigator<br>University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine<br><i>Demographic and Clinical Manifestations of Puerto Ricans with Rheumatoid Arthritis</i>   |
| 06/2001 - 07/2001 | Research Assistant<br>University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine<br><i>Conditions that Yield the Maximum Number of Viable Isolated Dorsal Root Ganglion Neurons During Dissociation</i><br>Principal Investigator: Damien Kuffler, Ph.D.  |
| 1/2000 - 05/2000  | Research Assistant<br>University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus<br><i>Isolation and Characterization of Escherichia coli</i><br>Principal Investigator: Gary Torranzos, Ph.D.   |

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**CERTIFICATIONS**

USMLE, Step 1: Approved, July 2002  
USMLE, Step 2: Approved, September 2003  
USMLE, Step 3: Approved, May 2005

Certified Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) provider  
Certified Advance Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) provider

Internal Medicine Examination  
American Board of Internal Medicine Examination  
Approved, August 2007

Rheumatology Examination  
American Board of Internal Medicine Examination  
Approved, October 2010

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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|----------------|---|
| 2008 - present | American College of Rheumatology              |
| 2008 - present | Puerto Rico Rheumatology Association          |
| 2007 - present | Colegio de Médicos y Cirujanos de Puerto Rico |
| 2001 - present | American College of Physicians                |
| 1997 - present | Golden Key National Honor Society             |

**BOOK CHAPTERS**

1. **Santiago-Casas Y**, Vilá LM. Etiología y Patogénesis de Lupus Eritematoso Sistémico. Texto de Inmunología (in press)

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

1. **Santiago-Casas Y**, Vilá LM, McGwin G Jr, Cantor RS, Petri M, Ramsey-Goldman R, Reveille JD, Kimberly RP, Alarcón GS, Brown EE. Association of discoid lupus with clinical manifestations and damage accrual in profile: A multiethnic lupus cohort. *Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken)*. 2011 Dec 20. doi: 10.1002/acr.21581. [Epub ahead of print] PubMed PMID: 22190480.

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2. **Santiago-Casas Y**, González-Rivera TC, Castro-Santana LE, Ríos G, Martínez D, Rodríguez VE, González-Alcover R, Mayor AM, Vilá LM. Impact of age on clinical manifestations and outcomes in Puerto Ricans with rheumatoid arthritis. *Ethn Dis* 2010; 20(Suppl 1):185-9.
3. **Santiago-Casas Y**, Vilá LM. Pulmonary hemorrhage in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus. *Curr Respir Med Rev* 2009; 5(1): 49-54.
4. Rivera N, **Santiago-Casas Y**, Vilá LM. Fulminant meningococemia in a patient with systemic lupus erythematosus (in preparation).
5. González-Rivera TC, **Santiago-Casas Y**, Castro-Santana LE, Mayor AM, Vilá LM. Impact of managed care and fee-for-service health insurance systems in Hispanics with rheumatoid arthritis (in preparation).
6. Peredo R, **Santiago-Casas Y**, Cruz JJ, Vilá S, Vilá LM. Efficacy of low-dose intravenous cyclophosphamide in a systemic lupus erythematosus patient presenting severe axonal polyneuropathy (in preparation).

**PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS**

1. **Santiago-Casas YC**, Vilá LM, McGwin G Jr., Petri M, Ramsey-Goldman R, Reveille JD, Kimberly RP, Alarcon GS, Brown EE. Association of Discoid Lupus with Clinical Manifestations and Damage Accrual in PROFILE: A Multiethnic Lupus Cohort. *Arthritis Rheum* 2011; 63:S537-8.
2. Santiago-Casas Y, González-Rivera TC, Castro-Santana LE, Mayor AM, Nieves-Plaza M, Vilá LM. Factors associated with long-term outcome measures in Puerto Ricans with rheumatoid arthritis. *Ann Rheum Dis* 2010; 69 (Suppl 3): 674.
3. González-Rivera TC, **Santiago-Casas Y**, Castro-Santana LE, Ríos G, Martínez D, Rodríguez VE, González-Alcover R, Mayor AM, Vilá LM. Health outcomes in Hispanics with rheumatoid arthritis: Impact of managed care and fee-for-service health insurance systems. *Arthritis Rheum* 2008.
4. **Santiago-Casas Y**, González-Rivera TC, Castro-Santana LE, Ríos G, Martínez D, Rodríguez VE, González-Alcover R, Mayor AM, Vilá LM. Long-term outcomes in a Hispanic population with rheumatoid arthritis receiving early therapy with disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs. *Arthritis Rheum* 2008.
5. González-Rivera TC, Santiago-Casas YC, Castro-Santana LE, Ríos G, Martínez D, Rodríguez V, González-Alcover R, Mayor AM, **Vilá LM**. Disease Activity and Damage in Puerto Ricans with Rheumatoid Arthritis: Impact of Public and Private Health Insurance Systems. *Bol Asoc Med P R*. 2008 Jul-Sep; 100(3):58-9.

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**SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS**

1. Villafrádez Díaz M, **Santiago-Casas Y**, Castro-Santana LE, Ríos G, Martínez D, Rodríguez VE, Nieves-Plaza M, Morales M, Vilá LM. Association of High-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol Levels with Disease Activity and Functional Status in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis. XVII Pan American League of Associations for Rheumatology (PANLAR) Meeting. April 17-21, 2012, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.
2. **Santiago-Casas Y**, Vilá LM, McGwin G Jr, Cantor RS, Petri M, Ramsey-Goldman R, Reveille JD, Kimberly RP, Alarcón GS, Brown EE. Association of discoid lupus with clinical manifestations and damage accrual in profile: A multiethnic lupus cohort. 75th Annual Scientific Meeting, American College of Rheumatology, November 5-9, 2011, Chicago, Illinois.
3. **Santiago-Casas Y**, González-Rivera TC, Castro-Santana LE, Mayor AM, Nieves-Plaza M, Vilá LM. Factors Associated with Long-Term Outcome Measures in Puerto Ricans with Rheumatoid Arthritis. EULAR Meeting 2010. June 16-19, 2010, Rome, Italy.
4. **Santiago-Casas Y**, Impact of demographic and socioeconomic factors in Puerto Ricans with rheumatoid arthritis. Puerto Rico Rheumatology Association Scientific Meeting, May 2010, Isabela, Puerto Rico.
5. Acosta M, Martínez C, **Santiago-Casas Y**, Febles A, Pardo W, González M. An unusual sequela of a simple viral syndrome in an immunocompetent patient. American College of Physicians Clinical Vignette Competition. October 31, 2009, Dorado, Puerto Rico.
6. **Santiago-Casas Y**, González-Rivera TC, Castro-Santana LE, Ríos G, Martínez D, Rodríguez VE, González-Alcover R, Mayor AM, Vilá LM. Impact of economic and sociodemographic factors in Puerto Ricans with rheumatoid arthritis. Puerto Rico Rheumatoid Association International Meeting (PRAIM) 2009. May 29-31, 2009, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
7. **Santiago-Casas Y**, González-Rivera TC, Castro-Santana LE, Ríos G, Martínez D, Rodríguez VE, González-Alcover R, Mayor AM, Vilá LM. Impact of age on clinical manifestations and outcomes in Puerto Ricans with rheumatoid arthritis. 11th Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI) International Symposium on Health Disparities, December 1-4, 2008, Honolulu, Hawaii.
8. **Santiago-Casas Y**, González-Rivera TC, Castro-Santana LE, Ríos G, Martínez D, Rodríguez VE, González-Alcover R, Mayor AM, Vilá LM. Long-term outcomes in a Hispanic population with rheumatoid arthritis receiving early therapy with disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs. 72nd Annual Scientific Meeting, American College of Rheumatology, October 24-29, 2008, San Francisco, California.
9. González-Rivera TC, **Santiago-Casas Y**, Castro-Santana LE, Ríos G, Martínez D, Rodríguez VE, González-Alcover R, Mayor AM, Vilá LM. Health outcomes in Hispanics with rheumatoid arthritis: Impact of managed care and fee-for-service

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- health insurance systems. 72nd Annual Scientific Meeting, American College of Rheumatology, October 24-29, 2008, San Francisco, California.
10. **Santiago-Casas Y**, Cantres O, Vilá LM. Pitfalls of a breakthrough therapy for rheumatoid arthritis. American College of Physicians (Puerto Rico Chapter) Clinical Vignette Competition, October 18, 2008, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
  11. **Santiago-Casas Y**, Colacioppo R, Martínez M, González-Oppenheimer C. Complicated acute sinusitis with community acquired MRSA in a young patient. American College of Physicians (Puerto Rico Chapter) Clinical Vignette Competition, October 28, 2006, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
  12. **Santiago-Casas Y**, Ortíz G, González-Oppenheimer C. Unusual presentation of antiphospholipid syndrome. American College of Physicians (Puerto Rico Chapter) Clinical Vignette Competition, October 22, 2005, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**LECTURES**

1. Yesenia Santiago-Casas. Grand Round Internal Medicine. University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine (CME activity), San Juan, Puerto Rico, August 23, 2011.
2. Yesenia Santiago-Casas. Rheumatology Journal Club. Rheumatology Association of Puerto Rico (CME activity), San Juan, Puerto Rico, December 10, 2009.
3. Yesenia Santiago-Casas. Rheumatology Journal Club. Rheumatology Association of Puerto Rico (CME activity), San Juan, Puerto Rico, August 20, 2009.
4. Yesenia Santiago-Casas. Rheumatology Journal Club. Rheumatology Association of Puerto Rico (CME activity), San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 21, 2009.
5. Yesenia Santiago-Casas Rheumatology Journal Club. Rheumatology Association of Puerto Rico (CME activity), Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, April 16, 2009.

**SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

Fully bilingual in Spanish and English

Computer knowledge in Microsoft Office Programs  
(Word, Excel, and Power Point)

Computer knowledge in Statistics Software Package  
(SPSS)

Theater, Dancing, Acting