



Dr. Mario Marazzi-Santiago was appointed as the first Executive Director of the Puerto Rico Institute of Statistics in August 2007. In this position, Dr. Marazzi-Santiago has had numerous achievements, such as the preparation of the first Inventory of Statistics of Puerto Rico, the establishment of Quality Criteria for Puerto Rico statistics, the implementation of a professional development program for the statisticians of the Puerto Rico government, the methodological revision of the cost-of-living and mortality statistics of Puerto Rico,

amongst others. At the same time, from the Institute, he led the undertaking of several statistics about Puerto Rico for the first time, including the Human Development Index, the Science and Technology Survey, the Knowledge Economy Index and the Literacy Survey. In addition, he has undertaken various research initiatives, including one that uncovered a bias in federal statistics that reduced the compensation doctors received in Puerto Rico for rendering services under the federal Medicare program between 2012 and 2016.

Previously, he served as an Economist at the International Finance Division of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, DC. During this time, he worked on the macroeconomic projections used by the Federal Reserve to make monetary policy decisions, and published several articles in academic journals and two chapters on the subject of international economics.

Dr. Marazzi-Santiago has a bachelor's degree in economics from Harvard University, a master's degree in economics from the London School of Economics, and a doctorate in economics from Cornell University. In 2012, Dr. Marazzi was elected as the first Puerto Rican member of the International Statistical Institute.

He has presented at several international forums and organizations, such as the *Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development*, the Joint Statistical Meetings and the Center for Latin American Monetary Studies.