

# JORGE RUIZ SANTIAGO

## ARCHITECTURE / PROJECT MANAGEMENT

### ABOUT ME



I consider myself a creative problem solver that feels passionate about design, its impact on society and our environment. I'm constantly searching for innovative ways to make a difference by applying the value of good and honest design.

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### INTERESTS

Music Comp | Photography  
Traveling | App Development

### EXPERIENCE

2013 - Present  
FirstBank Puerto Rico

#### CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGER

Developed and coordinated construction projects such as Branch remodelling and Image improvements working with contractors and meeting project budget and schedule. Also involved in bank's image refresh project.

2011 - 2015  
Next Big Studio

#### CREATIVE DIRECTOR, APP DEVELOPER

Lead designer in graphic related projects including branding, web pages and app development.

2007 - 2011  
FEF Consultores PSC

#### LEAD PROJECT MANAGER

Coordinated team of designers, engineers in developing various projects and proposals. Carried out full range of tasks including site visits, pre-bid meetings, RFI for public school project working closely with electrical, structural and mechanical consultants throughout the project development.

### EDUCATION

2003 -2007  
School of Architecture  
University of PR

#### MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Thesis Honorable Mention  
Jazz and Architecture: Spaces  
social interaction through polyrhythm & improvisation

2000 - 2002  
School of Architecture  
University of Wisconsin  
Milwaukee

#### BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE

*Cum Laude*

### SKILLS

+ Photoshop	+ MS Project
+ AutoCAD	+ MS Office
+ Sketchup	+ Project Management Certificate
+ Revit	+ Graphic Design

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## PROJECTS

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### **FirstBank Condado Platinum Banking**

2017  
FirstBank Puerto Rico

Coordinated Construction project on site. In charge of project budget, schedule and scope. Took part in selection of materials and finishes including design of new furniture for electronic banking and teller area furniture.

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### **Retail Branch Image Refresh Project**

2017  
FirstBank Puerto Rico

Lead project designer involving branch retail image renovations. Prepared scope, budget and schedule for major renovations to be done in 2018 - Ongoing project.

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### **Medical Office Space**

2017  
Dr. Paola Mansilla  
Guaynabo PR

Designed and coordinated construction of a small medical office space. Work included gypsum wall construction, AC, electrical coordination and other finishes.

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### **Interior Garden - Viejo San Juan**

2013  
Valderas Residence  
Viejo San Juan PR

Designed and coordinated construction of interior roof garden for a house located in Viejo San Juan.

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### **Architec'ts Assistant iPhone App**

2013  
Colegio de Arquitectos PR  
Next Big Studio

Developed an iPhone application. Worked closely with programmers and released on App Store. App is currently being worked on for a soon to be released update.

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### **Sola Bezares Stadium Renovation**

2009 - 2010  
FEF, CSP  
Caguas, PR

Winning proposal for an existing sports facilities. The project consists of doubling seat capacity, new parking facilities and better building efficiency.

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### **Thesis: Jazz & Architecture**

2007  
University of PR Rio Piedras Campus  
San Juan PR

*Honorable Mention*  
Re-imagining the Conservatorio de Musica through the study of Jazz, polyrhythm and improvisation.

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