

# **Mario Murillo**

**Professor of Radio, Television, Film at Hofstra University**

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Prof. Murillo has special interest in community-based radio journalism, Latin American studies, citizen's media, and civic engagement.

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## **Biography**

Mario A. Murillo is a professor in the Department of Radio, Television, Film at the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication at Hofstra University. He teaches courses in radio journalism and documentary production, media studies, and Latin American studies, among other subjects. As a journalist, radio documentarian, writer and researcher, he has focused much of his attention on the cultural and social role public interest, community-oriented radio plays in local and national contexts, and considers citizen's media to be a fundamental tool of cultural affirmation, artistic expression, civic engagement, and political participation, all of which are the underlying themes of his current project, the manuscript *Voices of Resistance: Indigenous Media and the Struggle for Social Justice in Colombia*.

He has worked in commercial, public, community, and university radio for over 28 years in various creative capacities. An award-winning radio feature reporter and documentary producer, he has reported regularly for NPR's Latino USA as its New York correspondent, NPR's All Things Considered, and Pacifica Network News, among other outlets. Currently, he serves as executive producer of Morning Wake Up Call, the public affairs news/talk program heard on WRHU 88.7FM.

He is the author of *Colombia and the United States: War, Unrest and Destabilization* (Seven Stories, 2004), and *Islands of Resistance: Puerto Rico, Vieques and U.S. Policy* (Seven Stories, 2001). He has written about Latino culture, immigration, indigenous issues, community media, Latin American affairs, human rights and U.S. foreign policy for many years, his articles and essays published in academic journals, edited collections, newspapers, websites and popular magazines in the U.S. and abroad.

In 2008-2009, Mario spent six months in Colombia, as a Fulbright Scholar, where he worked in the Communication Department of the Universidad Pontificia La Javeriana in Bogotá, alongside its radio station Javeriana Estereo.

In July 1999 and August 2000, he served as visiting professor at the School of Communication at the Autonomous University of Asunción in Paraguay, where he taught radio journalism classes.

He has a B.A. degree in International Politics and Journalism from New York University, and an M.A. degree in Media Ecology, also from New York University.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Media - Broadcast, Education/Learning, Research

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Radio journalism , Human Rights and Policy, Latin American Media and Politics, U.S./Latin American Policy, Latino Culture and History, Community Radio, Documentary Production , Civic Engagement

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## **Education**

**New York University**

M.A. Media Ecology

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