



Guide to the Richie Pérez Papers



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Abstract: The Richie Pérez Papers are an important resource for the study of political activism and grassroots organizing on the part of Puerto Ricans and their allies in New York City over the past forty years. In addition, they provide insightful documentation on anti-police brutality movements and on a number of community organizations. The materials in this collection consist of personal documents, clippings, articles, photographs, speeches, certificates, flyers, correspondence, audiocassettes, videocassettes, slides, CDs, DVDs and artifacts.

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Richie (Richard) Pérez (1944-2004)

Biographical Note:

“Revolutionary leader,” “urban warrior,” “soldier in the struggle,” these are but a few of the expressions used to describe Richie Pérez by friends and acquaintances upon his untimely death in 2004. A longtime advocate for the Puerto Rican community, Pérez was considered by many to be the activist par excellence whose commitment to the struggle for human rights and social justice never wavered. Whether advocating for community control of public schools in his early years as a teacher at James Monroe High School in the Bronx, working for Puerto Rican independence or organizing and teaching against media racism, Pérez demonstrated an unshakeable dedication to the fight against discrimination and the struggle for social and political change. Consistently on the frontlines, Pérez’s commitment to empowerment for marginalized communities cast a wide net and included a concern for not only Puerto Ricans and other Latinos, but also for the rights of women, gays and lesbians and African Americans. He continued to fight against social inequalities until his passing and in the process helped lay the groundwork for a more progressive social and political environment in New York City.

Born on December 3, 1944 to Tony and Ann Pérez, Richard (Richie) Pérez was raised in the Hunts Point section of the Bronx. He graduated from Morris High School in 1961 and attended Hunter College in the Bronx (now known as Lehman College), where he received a Bachelors of Science in 1965. Originally interested in studying English, Pérez instead studied economics and business. Shortly after graduating from college, he taught at James Monroe High School in the Soundview section of the Bronx. He remained there from 1965-1970, teaching stenography and typing, while also advocating for decentralization and local community control of school boards. Up until this juncture Pérez had thought of himself as a “Kennedy style liberal” who saw political change as a product of individuals working within a traditional political system. After witnessing the social and political upheavals taking place around him in the late 1960s, as well as the unequal social and economic conditions of his students, he came to the conclusion that it was organized individuals pushing for social change who could be the most effective.

In 1969, at the age of 25, Pérez received a Masters of Arts in Business Education from New York University. That same year he joined the Young Lords Party, a national organization dedicated to the empowerment of the Puerto Rican community. The New York Chapter of the Young Lords provided a vehicle for Pérez’s increasingly radical political stance, his desire for a greater knowledge of Puerto Rican history and helped hone his organizational acumen by building on work he had already begun with the Black Panthers on an anti-heroin campaign in the South Bronx. Starting as a youth and student organizer, Pérez eventually became Minister of Information for the Young Lords, edited the organization’s publication, *Palante*, and helped open an office in the South Bronx. His involvement with the Young Lords lasted well into the 1970s, a break with the organization occurring only when internal fighting, rumored to have been instigated by the FBI’s COINTELPRO, caused individual factions to turn on each other and for the organization to self-destruct.

As part of an effort by the Young Lords to send activists into the colleges and universities to organize youth, Pérez returned to teaching in 1973. Garnering a position at Brooklyn College as a faculty member in the Puerto Rican Studies Department, he soon became embroiled in the struggle for the appointment of a new Chairperson. A member of the search committee, Pérez and his colleagues sought to appoint María Sánchez, who they felt had a more thorough knowledge of the urban Puerto Rican population in the schools than Elba Lugo de Luis-Deza, the candidate the then President of Brooklyn College John Kellner wanted to put in place. The struggle that ensued set a precedent for his stay at the university. Pérez's time at Brooklyn College was filled with conflicts and culminated in an irreconcilable break with the administration due to his ongoing organizing efforts among his students against cuts in financial aid, funding to ethnic studies programs and the elimination of remedial classes and special admissions programs. He was also faculty advisor to the left-leaning student group the Puerto Rican Alliance and was a member of the Revolutionary Collective and the Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition. Participating in the takeover of campus facilities and accused of physically assaulting staff members and students at demonstrations, Pérez was ultimately suspended from his teaching duties and barred from the campus in 1978. He defied the ban and continued to teach until he was arrested on criminal trespassing charges. Eventually released, Pérez was nonetheless charged with "conduct unbecoming a Brooklyn College faculty member" as well as a number of other violations. In August 1978, he was dismissed from his position as an Instructor by a closed session meeting of the Board of Higher Education, a decision which was heavily protested by his supporters.

It was towards the end of his tenure at Brooklyn College, in October 1977, that Pérez and fellow activists like Vicente "Panama" Alba and Mickey Meléndez, acting under the auspices of the Committee for the Freedom of the Puerto Rican Nationalists, organized a takeover of the Statue of Liberty. Slated as a protest against the incarceration of Puerto Rican nationalists in U.S. prisons, among them Lolita Lebrón, Rafael Cancel Miranda, Oscar Collazo and Irving Flores, the takeover also sought to critically address the troubled economic and social conditions in which most Puerto Ricans found themselves and to advocate for Puerto Rican independence. Indeed, the activists involved in the takeover believed the incarceration of the Puerto Rican nationalists to be a direct extension of U.S. policy in Puerto Rico and its impact on the sovereignty of the island and its inhabitants. Arriving in the morning, the group of activists held the Statue of Liberty for over nine hours, only coming down when U.S. Parks Service Police made their way into the monument and after Pérez and his cohorts had draped a Puerto Rican flag across the crown of the statue. Those arrested went to court and were fined one hundred dollars each, fines which were ultimately paid by a fundraising concert held at Hunter College starring musician Eddie Palmieri. Within a year of the takeover, President Jimmy Carter released the four imprisoned nationalists.

Unable to immediately return to teaching after his controversial stint at Brooklyn College, Pérez became increasingly involved in organizational efforts within the Puerto Rican community. Starting in 1980, he joined forces with a broad coalition of over twenty-five community organizations, among them the United Bronx Parents, the Union of Patriotic Puerto Ricans and the United Tremont Trades to form the Committee Against Fort Apache. Created to protest the film "Fort Apache: The Bronx," and what the committee members perceived as the film's racist representation of African Americans and Puerto Ricans in the

South Bronx, the Committee Against Fort Apache was an example of a grassroots effort to alter and contest the public perception and representation of the group's communities, both among the general public and in the media. Organizing demonstrations, call-in protests, pickets and numerous community outreach activities, the committee sought not only to raise awareness of the prejudiced content of the film/script and original book, but to take to task those involved in the making of the film, particularly politically liberal actors Paul Newman and Ed Asner, for their complicity in further perpetuating racist stereotypes. In addition, as Pérez himself points out in his article on the subject "Committee Against Fort Apache: The Bronx Mobilizes Against the Multinational Media," the committee was also interested in using the actions against the film as a unifying agent between the African American and Puerto Rican communities in the South Bronx, as a way to educate the community about media stereotyping and as a mechanism for developing the community's ability to use the media for its own ends.

Although not successful in stopping the making of the film, the committee managed to disrupt the process, raise awareness about the issues surrounding the film and in mobilizing hundreds of people, in multiple cities, to picket the film once it was released. In existence for only a year, the Committee Against Fort Apache's foregrounding of the issue of media racism set a precedent, influencing other film projects and promoting public discourse around the issue. Moreover, his work on the committee influenced Pérez greatly and inaugurated a new phase in his scholarly interests and activism that followed him into what became his next big project: the founding of the National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights.

Established in 1981, the National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights (NCPRR) was born of the First National Puerto Rican Convention, a gathering of 500 delegates from organizations based in New York and other states in the Northeast and beyond, which was held at the Paul Robeson Intermediate School in the South Bronx in April. At this convention it was determined that a national organization uniting communal efforts towards fighting multiple forms of discrimination against Puerto Ricans was needed. Charged with a number of priorities, among them the equitable distribution of funds for social services, universal health care, an end to sterilization abuse and an immediate withdrawal of the U.S. Navy from the island of Vieques, this organization sought to unify the diverse ideological perspectives, religious persuasions and methodological approaches of various organizations in order to more effectively combat what they perceived as an ensuing socio-economic crisis precipitated by the right-wing policies of the Reagan administration. Rather than having improved, the social, political and economic conditions of Puerto Ricans had instead worsened since the 1960s, thus the reasoning behind the First National Puerto Rican Convention that the tide could only be stemmed with the collaboration of all stake holders.

Pérez for his part also brought the issues of media racism and stereotyping that had been of concern to the Committee Against Fort Apache and the Puerto Rican Institute for Media Advocacy (PRIMA) into the convention. In the following years, Pérez served in many positions within the NCPRR, including Vice-Chair of the New York State Council, Vice President of the New York chapter and National Vice President in 1994, as well as leading numerous voter participation campaigns. In 1985, he authored the first of what became a series of reports titled "The Status of Puerto Ricans in the United States," which he presented

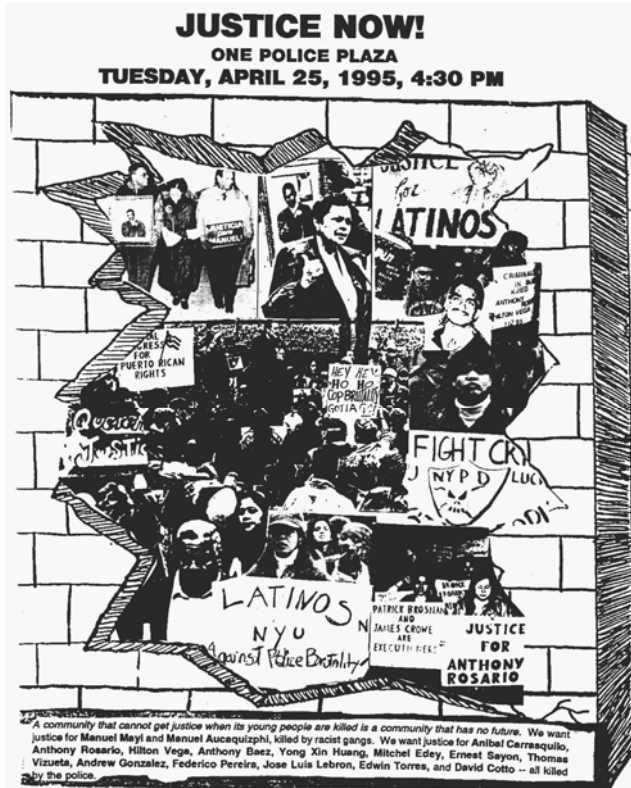
at the Third National Puerto Rican Convention in June 1985 in Philadelphia, PA. This series of studies mapped the terrain of Puerto Rican life, examining the ways in which their socio-economic and political position had been the determining factor in their continued marginalization in American society. In particular, Pérez's report looked at the specific impact of the Reagan administration's policies on the Puerto Rican community and the extent to which they were undermining any gains the community had made in the previous twenty years.

This report, in turn, became the galvanizing force behind the planning for a march on Washington, D.C. for Puerto Rican social and economic equality. Taking place on October 4, 1986, the National Puerto Rican March for Justice, although spearheaded by the NCPRR, gathered diverse elements of the Puerto Rican community to protest civil rights violations, cutbacks in funding to federal programs and an overall climate of prejudice and hostility towards Puerto Ricans. Scheduled to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty, the planners of the march thought it ironic that a symbol inviting the underprivileged and marginalized immigrant to the U.S. could be celebrated in the midst of what was then one of fiercest backlashes against the social and economic reforms of the post-Civil Rights era. Moreover, the 1980s had been touted as the "Decade of the Hispanic" which supposed great advances for Latino communities in the U.S. that had yet to materialize and whose claims flew in the face of facts demonstrating ever worsening conditions for the Puerto Rican community.

That same year, Pérez, with the institutional backing of the NCPRR, was one of the driving forces behind the organization of the Latino Coalition for Justice. Formed in July 1986 after two Puerto Rican youths were attacked by a group of Italian and Eastern European youths in the Belmont section of the Bronx, the coalition was made up of numerous organizations and individuals intent on providing support in the form of legal and medical assistance to victims of police brutality and racial violence. Furthermore, it was looking to organize grassroots campaigns, educate the general public on institutional racism and racial violence, and to promote solidarity, coalition-building and progressive legislative measures. Initially planning

a march against the attacks in Belmont that helped spur its founding, the Coalition also participated in campaigns against racial violence in Howard Beach, Queens, and throughout the five boroughs. Moreover, it served as a training ground for Pérez's future efforts to organize against the ongoing police brutality in New York and helped him formulate an agenda which came to be closely identified with his future activism.

One of Pérez's most notable accomplishments during his time at the NCPRR was the founding and development of the Justice Committee in



1988. Following up on the work of the Latino Coalition for Racial Justice, the Committee was also a product of a mandate from the First Puerto Rican Convention to end racial violence against minorities and discrimination and abuse on the part of the police, the courts and the prison system. Organizing demonstrations, rallies and contributing to the building of grassroots movements around victims of police brutality, the Justice Committee played an increasingly important role in bringing to light blatant civil rights violations committed against African Americans and Latinos by the New York City Police Department. Moreover, it cultivated a broader analytical perspective that located culpability for these crimes not just among the police officers themselves, but in the climate and structural setting that allowed for bias crimes to be acceptable in society and government. Thus, not only was the New York City Police Department taken to task for its methods, including the profiling of minorities and abuse of power, but also city officials and entire communities were held accountable for the racism they perpetuated. In addition, it endeavored to initiate and support legislative initiatives that sought to curb future acts of violence and civil rights violations.

Much of the Justice Committee's work in the 1980s and 90s concerned individual cases of police brutality and racially motivated violence. This included advocating on behalf of the victim's families in court, organizing demonstrations in support of the cases and educating the larger public on the nature and extent of police brutality. Justice Committee members were also a constant media presence, being well aware of the need to have a hand in controlling the narrative about the cases being detailed to the public. Although eventually expanding their work into other areas, such as immigration, the Committee's commitment to working against police brutality and engagement with larger issues of human rights continued into the twenty-first century, with the cases of Amadou Diallo, Malcolm Ferguson and Santiago Villanueva. In time breaking away from the NCPRR, an independent Justice Committee continued to be the locus of Pérez's activism and to function under his leadership until his passing, with its mission expanding to include advocacy work with other Latinos and people of color, as well as women, gays and lesbians.

In conjunction with his work on the Justice Committee, Pérez spent the better part of 20 years working at the Community Service Society (CSS). One of the oldest non-profit organizations in New York City to address issues of poverty and community empowerment, the scope of CSS's concerns was expansive and included housing, health care, income security, education and community development. Tackling these issues from multiple fronts, the organization was also committed to research and policy analysis, advocacy, litigation and program development. Initially helping direct and supervise the organization of voter registration drives geared towards educating, mobilizing and empowering disenfranchised communities in the political process, as Director of the Voter Participation Project, Pérez eventually held multiple positions within CSS, including Director of Organizational Development and Director of Community Development, finally serving as Director of Political Development. In this capacity, he continued to advocate for voter participation, but also became involved in issues of electoral reform, redistricting, language rights, additional efforts at community empowerment and mobilization, and in organizing youth and prison inmates. CSS proved to be a fruitful forum for Pérez's ongoing activism and commitment to social justice issues and provided a platform for his organizational efforts in New York.

Indeed, so entwined was his work both with the Justice Committee and CSS, that his office on East 22nd Street was the center of planning and activity for both.

Although barred from teaching in the City University of New York after his activities on the campus of Brooklyn College, Pérez's pedagogical activities never ceased. He continued to lecture and speak on college campuses throughout his professional career, and eventually made his way back into the CUNY system, teaching courses at Hunter College in the 1980s and 90s while working as a college counselor and recruiter in the Bronx. In addition, Pérez took on teaching stints at the College of New Rochelle, Empire State College and the Center for Legal Education and Urban Policy, conducting courses on mass media, U.S. social policy and the history of labor and the Civil Rights Movement. He is noted also for designing courses for prospective law students at The City College of New York's Urban Legal Studies Program. Coinciding with his pedagogical interests, Pérez published several articles including "The Storming of "Fort Apache" in *The Independent* (1983), "Committee Against Fort Apache: The Bronx Mobilizes Against the Multi-National Media" in *Cultures in Contention* (1985) and "From Assimilation to Annihilation: Puerto Rican Images in U.S. Films" in *Latin Looks: Images of Latinos and Latinas in U.S. Media* (1997). A chronicling of his organizing activities, these articles also helped Pérez formulate a theoretical stance behind his activist efforts, to bring to the forefront issues of Puerto Rican representations in film (a practically invisible field of theoretical concern) and served as useful classroom tools in Puerto Rican Studies and film and media studies courses in universities throughout the U.S. Moreover, Pérez strove to historically contextualize media racism, noting that a deeper understanding of stereotypical representations of Puerto Ricans in film could only come about with the knowledge of Puerto Rico's political and economic relationship to the United States.

In the following years, Pérez continued to organize against police brutality and with his advocacy work at the Community Service Society, and to also engage with such issues as environmental racism and the incarceration of African American and Latino youth. Being all too aware of the need to push those in power to consider the rights of marginalized communities, he was a constant presence at rallies, demonstrations, protests and peace vigils, all in the hope of altering and affecting the conditions surrounding their treatment, and the rights and civil liberties accorded to them. Pérez frequently spoke on behalf of victims of police brutality and racism, and aligned himself with many other local, national and international movements against injustice and social inequities. Ever the visionary, he recognized the interconnected nature of the struggles for the rights of women, gays and lesbians, and was supportive of the fight for human rights here and abroad.

Richie Pérez died on March 27, 2004 from prostate cancer at the age of 59. A fixture on the political scene, his dedicated work on issues of police brutality, human rights, social justice and Puerto Rican independence served as an inspiration for several generations of activists and community organizers, and spurred many on to political action. A scholar and activist, his insight and political praxis left an indelible mark on organizing efforts in New York, and will continue to serve as an impressive example to future generations of activists and live on in the many movements and organizations to which he contributed his efforts.

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Note: Biographical information was also derived from the collection.

Scope and Content:

The Richie Pérez Papers help chronicle the political trajectory and organizing efforts of one the Puerto Rican communities most dedicated advocates and activists. Moreover, they help document grassroots efforts at combating police brutality and racially motivated violence, and community struggles for the betterment of social and economic conditions for Puerto Ricans, Latinos and other people of color in New York City.

A multifaceted collection, highlights of the papers include extensive materials on the National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights and the Justice Committee, numerous files on local community organizations and initiatives, as well as a solid collection of leftist and Latino focused newspapers. In addition, contained is a large selection of audiocassettes, videocassettes and photographs which help capture the visual and aural vibrancy of the political and social movements to which Pérez was dedicated to throughout his career.

The materials in this collection span the years from 1918 to 2006 with the bulk concentrating on the years 1970 to 2004. They consist of correspondence, memoranda, photographs, flyers, clippings, programs, videocassettes, audiocassettes, slides, CDs, DVDs and artifacts. The folders are arranged alphabetically and the documents are arranged chronologically. The materials are in both Spanish and English.

The collection has been organized into the following series and sub-series:

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- IV. Subject Files**
- V. Organizations**
- VI. Writings and Publications**
- VII. Photographs**
- VIII. Audiovisual**
- IX. Artifacts**

Access Points:**Subject Names:**

Alba, Vicente
Baez, Anthony
Baez, Iris
Calderon, Milta
Carrasquillo, Aníbal
Diallo, Amadou
Laureano, Daniel
Laureano, Martha
Louima, Abner
Mayi, Manuel
Pérez, Richie (Richard)
Pereira, Federico
Rivera García, Rafael
Rodríguez, Juan
Rosario, Anthony
Vega, Hilton

Subject Organizations:

Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation
Bronx Clean Air Coalition
Center for Constitutional Rights
Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños
City University of New York
Comité Noviembre
Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence (CAAAV)
Committee Against Fort Apache
Community Service Society
Institute for Puerto Rican Policy
Justice Committee
Latino Coalition for Racial Justice
Latino Rights Project/Proyecto Pro-Derechos Latinos
Latinos for Positive Images
Mott Haven AIDS Network
National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights
National Puerto Rican Coalition
Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition
People for the American Way
People's Justice 2000
Positive Workforce, Inc.
Puerto Rican Collective
Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Organization
Young Lords, Inc.
Young Lords Party

Subject Topics:

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Hispanics in New York (City)
Human rights
Police brutality
Police brutality -- New York (State) -- New York.
Political participation -- United States -- History 20th century
Political participation -- United States -- Puerto Ricans --New York (State) -- New York
Political prisoners -- Puerto Rico
Puerto Ricans in New York (City)

Document Types:

Artifacts
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CDs
Clippings
Correspondence
DVDs
Flyers
Memoranda
Newspapers
Photographs
Posters
Publications
Videocassettes
Writings

Series I: Biographical and Personal Information (1965-2006)

This small series documents aspects of Pérez's personal life and includes several biographies, certificates and awards received, as well as materials (clippings, programs, etc.) eulogizing him upon his death in 2004.

Box	Folder	
1	1	Agenda Planning Diary, 1997
	2	Biographies, undated, 1965, 1990, 2004
	3	Certificates and Awards, 1998, 2002
	4	Columnar Books, 1989
	5	Memorials, undated, 2004-2006

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	1	Clipping, Brooklyn Profile, Richard Pérez, 1990

Series II: Correspondence (1980-2005)

Spanning over two decades, the correspondence and memoranda included in this series is made of up of a polyglot of materials that include letters and emails to and from Pérez, greeting cards and letters and emails to and from colleagues, local community organizations and politicians. All of the correspondence is rich in information on grassroots political movements in the city, rallies, political campaigns and issues of social justice both as they pertain to the Puerto Rican community and the broader leftist community in New York. Among the organizations represented are the Unión Patriótica Puertorriqueña, Latinos Unidos for Political Action, A Better Bronx for Better Youth, the Center for Constitutional Rights, The Puerto Rican Institute to Develop Empowerment, and the Roundtable for Institutions of People of Color. The correspondence gives much insight into Pérez's activities as an activist and organizer and demonstrates his integral role in the political scene.

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1	6-8	Correspondence and Memoranda, undated, 1980-1994
2	1-6	Correspondence and Memoranda, 1995-2005
	7	Greeting Cards, undated, 1987-2002

Series III: National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights (1977-2004)

Inclusive of an assortment of materials that document the administrative and political activities of this seminal community organization, this sizeable series also helps chronicle what was one of the main outlets for Perez's organizing efforts throughout the 1980s and 1990s. Established in 1981, the National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights (NCPRR) is a grassroots civil rights organization that seeks to unite a diversity of organizations and individuals in the struggle for social and economic justice for the Puerto Rican community.

In this role it works across coalitions to educate the public about the issues affecting Puerto Ricans in the U.S., the need to develop leadership skills in the community, as well as advocating for the human and civil rights of Puerto Ricans. Among the materials included in this series are the organization's by-laws, meeting minutes, clippings, correspondence, event files and reports. Of special note are files on the national conventions and on the National Puerto Rican March for Justice, held in 1986, which called attention to the socio-economic plight of Puerto Ricans in the U.S. and demanded a more expansive civil rights agenda for Puerto Ricans in the U.S.

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	2	Articles of Incorporation, undated, 1981, 1983
	3	Boricua Net, undated, 1993-1996
	4	By-Laws, undated, 1983-1996
	5	Clippings, undated, 1981-2004
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	6	General, undated, 1986-1997
	7	Meetings and Minutes, 1985-1990, 1997
	8-10	Correspondence and Memoranda, undated, 1982-1994
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5	3	Correspondence and Memoranda, 1986, 1989-1991
	4	General, undated, 1987-1991
	5	Reports, 1988-1991
	6	Flyers and Programs, undated, 1982, 1986-2001
	7	General, undated
	1-2	General, undated, 1983-2002
	3	General Membership, Minutes and Agendas, undated, 1986-1996
	4	Latino Student Youth Network (LYSN), undated, 1992, 1995
	5	Latino Swing Vote Campaign, undated, 1993-1994
	6	Latino Youth League of Sunset Park, undated, 1991
	7	Leadership Report, 1985-1988
	8	Mailing/Phone Lists, undated, 1989-1997
9	Membership Applications, undated, 1993-1995	
10	Membership List by State, undated, 1992	
11	National Board Meeting, undated, 1985-1998	
12	National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights, et. al. against	

The City of New York, et. al., Class Action Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief and Individual Damages, 1999

- 6 1 National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights against New York City Police Department, undated, 1992-2000

National Puerto Rican Convention

- 2 First, undated, 1981
3 Second, 1983
4-5 Fourth, undated, 1977-1988
6 Fifth, 1989
7-8 Sixth, undated, 1990-1991
9 Seventh, undated, 1991-1993

- 7 1 Finances, undated, 1989-1993

National Puerto Rican March for Justice

- 2 Clippings, undated, 1985-1986
3 General, undated, 1986

4-5 Newsletters, undated, 1982-2004
6-8 Notes, undated

- 8 1 Notes, undated, 1978-1995
2 Pamphlets, undated, 1986, 1990

Philadelphia Chapter

- 3 7th Biennial Assembly, undated, 1995
4 General, undated, 1986-1997

5-6 Presentations and Discussion Papers, undated, 1977-2001
7 Press Releases, undated, 1985-1994

- 9 1 Press Releases, 1995-2004
2 Proposals, undated, 1989-1998
3-4 Reports, undated, 1985-1997
5 The Status of Puerto Ricans in the U.S., undated, 1985-1993
6 Voter Registration Project, undated, 1988-1990
7 Women for Justice, undated, 1999
8 Women's Task Force on the NCPRR, undated, 1982-1994
9 Work Plans, undated, 1985-1993

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- 1 Décimo Festival del Niño Boricua/Tenth Puerto Rican

- Children's Festival, 1992
- 2 National Puerto Rican March for Justice, 1986
- 3 Work Plan, 1986

1. Justice Committee (1972-2006)

Representing the core and focal point of Pérez's activities within the National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights (NCPRR), the materials on the Justice Committee of the NCPRR are rich in information on the various campaigns against police brutality conducted, committee minutes and agendas, and reports and files on some of the more high profile individuals, such as Anthony Baez, Manuel Mayi and Amadou Diallo, that fell victim to police brutality in the period between the mid-1980s to the early 2000s.

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	9	Duarte, Allan and García, Juan Carlos, 2001-2004
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	4	Racial Justice Day, undated, 1995-2005
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| | 2 | Rosario, Anthony and Vega, Hilton, undated, 1995-2004 |
| | 3 | Sunset Park Case, 2004 |

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| | 1 | Article, Police Violence: What Can We Do?, Bertoli, A., undated |
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| | 4 | The Verdict: Acquittal, <i>Newsday</i> , 1996 |

Series IV: Subject Files (1918-2006)

Varied in its content, this series speaks to the many additional projects in which Pérez participated as well as his multifaceted interests and activities. Of potential interest to researchers are files on the Committee Against Fort Apache, the Latino Coalition for Racial Justice and the occupation of the Statue of Liberty in 1977. Representing a coalition of community members and media activists, the Committee Against Fort Apache was founded to combat perceived racial stereotypes of Puerto Ricans and people of color in general in the film “Fort Apache: The Bronx.” Set in the South Bronx, the film depicted an urban wasteland populated by criminals, prostitutes and drug addicts in which the police station stood as the last bastion of order. The Latino Coalition for Racial Justice was equally made up of a coalition of individuals and Puerto Rican/Latino organizations that demonstrated and organized against racism and police brutality committed against Latinos in New York. In particular they organized against the beating of two Puerto Rican teenagers in the mid-1980s by a group of Eastern European and Italian youth in the Belmont section of the Bronx. Finally, the materials on the occupation of the Statue of Liberty document the actions of individuals sympathetic to the independence of Puerto Rico who were interested in publicizing what they perceived as the island’s colonial relationship to the United States.

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- 8 Minutes and Agendas, undated, 1984-2003
- 9 Multi-Cultural Solidarity Event, undated, 1991, 1999
- 10 National Gathering, The Racial Justice Movement and the New War on Terrorism, undated, 2001-2002
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- 5 New York City Police Department, Interim Report and Principal Recommendations, 1993
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- 9 Vamos a la Peña del Bronx, Segundo Aniversario, undated, 1991
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- 2 Death Protested: More Than 1,000 Marchers in Brooklyn
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- 3 Demand Mayor Probe Cop Slaying Youth/A Visit to the
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- 4 East Side Seething Over Youth's Death/Trigger Happy?, ca.
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- 12 Racing-ing Justice, Black America vs. The Prison Industrial
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- 14 Kwanzaa Holiday Expo '91, 1991
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Series V: Organizations (1960-2005)

Strongly representative of numerous grassroots Puerto Rican organizations, this series is rich in information on community struggles against police brutality, environmental racism, biased educational policies and justice issues. Key to Pérez's own history are files on the Young Lords Party/Young Lords, Inc., which although not extensive, provide researchers with insight into the organizations early history and its more contemporary permutation. In addition, included are materials on his teaching stints at various campuses of the City University of New York, materials on the Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation and on an assortment of community organizations. Prominent among these files are documents on

Perez's tenure with the Community Service Society where he acted first as Director of the Voter Participation Project and, later, Director of Community Development, Director of Political Development and Director of Organizational Development.

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- 28 1 Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence (CAA AV):
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- 4 Budget/Financial, undated, 1999-2003
- 5 Campaign for Full Electoral Participation, undated, 2002-
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- 6 City Council Candidate Voter Guide, 1991
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- 4 Hispanic Community Based Organizations: Issues of
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- 6 Notes, undated
- 7 Political Participation and Political Representation in New
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- 8 Reports, undated, 1985-2003
- 9 Strategic Goals Coordinating Group, undated, 2001-2002
- 10 Testimonies and Remarks, 2002
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- 11 Budget, undated, 1988
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- 2 Education Center for Community Organizing (EECCO),
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- 3 General, undated, 1997-2005
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- 11 Latinos en Progreso Organization, 1998
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- 3 Mott Haven AIDS Network, 1991
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- 5 National Puerto Rican Coalition, Inc., undated, 1982-1997
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- 4 The Young Lords, Rebels with a Cause, *New Youth Connections*, 1993
- 5 Los Young Lords, ¿'titeres o revolucionarios?, *El Diario/La Prensa*, 1989 (cover only)
- 6 Young Lords Party, 13 Point Program and Platform, *Palante*, undated

- 7 Proclamation, Bronx Voter Participation Project Women's Day, 1993

Series VI: Writings and Publications (1960-2004)

Encompassing a diversity of materials covering leftist struggles, Puerto Rican history and police brutality, highlights of this series are Pérez's lecture notes, notebooks and other notes which taken together give the researcher insight into his thoughts on film and political organizing, among other things, but also function as chroniclers of his numerous political activities and organizational efforts. In addition, his remarks and speeches also help detail the evolution of his thought on a range of topics and testify to the different types of organizations that Pérez addressed.

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- 5 The Black Panther: Black Community News Service, 1991
- 6 Black Worker's Unity Movement, 1985
- 7 Bronx Press Review: The All Bronx Newspaper, One Of America's Great Weeklies, 1992
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- 11 The Films Of The Civil Rights, 1989
- 12 Flatbush Life, 2001
- 13 The Fordham Road & Highbridge Observer, Lehman College, 1991
- 14 La Gente De Aztlan: The Chicano, Latino, Native American Newsmagazine at UCLA, 20th Anniversary Issue, 1990
- 15 El Hispano, Bilingual Regional Newspaper, 1996
- 16 The Inner City Press/Community On The Move, 1992
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- 39 El Pregonero, Institute for Puerto Rican/Hispanic Elderly,
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Series VII: Photographs (1951-2004)

Acting as both personal chronicle and social documentary, the photographs and slides in this series simultaneously record Pérez's ongoing activism, as well as the political movements that he so avidly participated in and contributed to. From marches against police brutality to voter registration drives, here we see the physical evidence of his dedication to and organizational acumen around the number of causes that concerned him, and are given a snapshot of the power of grassroots movements to instigate social and political change. Included also are a selection of photographs that document aspects of Pérez's personal life (see also Series VII: Audiovisual, for additional photographs on CDs).

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- 5 Pérez, Richie, Portraits, *El Diario/La Prensa*, 2004
- 6 Protest, undated
- 7 Protest, The Association of Puerto Rican Studies, John Jay College, undated
- 8 Protest/Vigil, Huang, Yong Xin, 1995

Series VIII: Audiovisual (1979-2004)

This series is made up of number of audiocassettes that elaborate on a range of themes. Among the topics covered include police brutality, the U.S. military presence on the island of Vieques, the sovereignty of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rican history and the Young Lords. Prominent among the recordings are discussions on the film “Fort Apache: The Bronx.” This film, often criticized for its representations of African-Americans and Puerto Ricans in the South Bronx, sparked an ad hoc movement against it. The coalition of groups and individuals calling itself the Committee Against Fort Apache, in which Pérez played a prominent role, moderated many of the discussions contained here. Included as well are substantial videocassettes (VHS) documenting rallies, demonstrations, marches, and a number of other events and/or programs related to police brutality, as well as tributes and memorials to Pérez. The series also contains a select number of CD recordings of radio shows, rap music and digital pictures, a DVD tribute to Pérez produced on the occasion of his death and slides documenting the protests against “Fort Apache: The Bronx” and media representations of Puerto Ricans/Latinos.

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	1B	<i>Untitled</i> Pablo “Yoruba” Gúzman on the early days of the Young Lords and emerging Latino political movements in the 1980s.
	2A	<i>Juan G. WBAI, 1/2/96</i> Interview with Juan González.
	2B	<i>Untitled</i> Roundtable discussion on police brutality held as part of Comité Noviembre’s Puerto Rican Heritage month.
	3A	<i>June 29, 1990/Santiago Nieves/Columbus Celebration</i> WBAI/Latino Journal recording of National Hispanic

- Quincentennial Commission's Conference held in Washington, D.C. with Lane Coronado, Joe Monserrat and Lillian Escobar.
- 3B Salsa music
- 4A *El Jíbaro/ Panama – OPP Rap*
Canciones de Puerto Rico
Vicente “Panama” Alba (Unión Patriótica Puertorriqueña) discussing the significance of the Revolución de Jayuya (1950).
- 4B *Carlos*
Ex-President of the Partido Nacionalista, Carlos Feliciano, speaking on imperialism, Puerto Rico and its relationship with the U.S., among other things.
- 5A *Fort Apache/WJIT/Ray/Lillian*
Lillian Jiménez (Puerto Rican Institute for Media Advocacy) and Raymond Serrano (Committee Against Fort Apache) discussing various aspects of “Fort Apache: The Bronx” with an extended discussion on the roles available to Latino actors in film and television and prevalent stereotypes.
- 5B *Untitled*
Puerto Rican music
- 6A *Richie 8/12/81, CAFA- Net., Bilingual Librarians*
Presentation by the Committee Against Fort Apache critical of “Fort Apache: The Bronx.”
- 7A *Julian Malveux, 12/28/95, Review of the Year*
Discussion about unemployment and poverty rates in the U.S. with, among others, Julian Melveux, William Springs and Barbara Burgham.
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- 7B *Talk Back, 12/28/95*
Discussion with Richie Pérez from WBAI News on building coalitions, police brutality and the policies of the Rudolph (Rudy) Guiliani administration.
Also featured is Loretta J. Ross, Director of Human Rights Center in Atlanta, on racism and inequality in education.
Arthur C. Helton, Director of Migration Programs at the Open Society Institute, on WBAI program “Talk Back” discussing immigration to the U.S. and immigrant rights.
- 8A/B *Latino Journal – WBAI, Post Mayoral Race, 11/93/ Quiet Storm*
Roundtable discussion on Mayoral election results and the Latino vote with host Santiago Nieves, reporters Melisa Mark Viverito and Victor Rosa, and guests Howard Jordan, Angelo Falcón, Vicente Alba, José “Chegü” Torres and Rubén Franco.
- 9A/B *3/23/96, WWRL – Action Rally/Untitled*

- Discussion on the March for Justice Against Racial Violence and Police Killings on the Sally O'Brien show with guests Richie Pérez, Eric Tang, Rodney Walker and Joyce Wan. Mumia Abul-Jamal discusses the Dred Scott decision.
- Poetry
- Interview with John Rabino, director of "Lotto Land."
- 10A *1st Amendment*
Music by Bob Dylan.
Forum on "Fort Apache: The Bronx" with Richie Pérez and others.
- 10B *John Simon, Veron Mason,*
Discussion of the 1st Amendment and "Fort Apache: The Bronx."
- 11A/B *Tape 2, Richie Pérez, March 12, 1981, 1st Amendment NYLS Questions*
Richie Pérez on media racism and the Committee Against Fort Apache.
- 12A/B *Latino Journal 1/19/91/Gulf War/PR Bro 1/19/91*
Program features Congressman José Serrano on his views against the Gulf War, Professor Jorge Rodríguez Beruff from the University of Puerto Rico on the militarization of Puerto Rico, Jaime Bebe from Latinos Against U.S. Intervention in the Gulf and correspondent Barbara Aziz on the Middle East.
- 13A/B *CAFTA WBAI/ CAFTA*
Mimi Rosenberg and guests (incl. Diana Pérez and Raymond Serrano of the Committee Against Fort Apache) discuss role of media and representation of minorities in film and television.
Recording of a math class.
- 14A/B *Latino Journal Panel*
Recording of program, "Puertorriqueños in the U.S.," featuring Santiago Nieves and Mario Murillo discussing the history of Puerto Ricans in the U.S. and the problems facing them in the 1990s. Includes panel discussion with Richie Pérez, Marta Moreno Vega, Esperanza Martell and Angelo Falcón.
- 15A/B *Meeting Lincoln All Groups*
An informational forum held at Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx by the Committee Against Fort Apache in tandem with other groups in the process of holding boycotts.
- 16A/B *Mass Media/ Untitled*
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- 17A/B *Time Life*
Panel on "Fort Apache: The Bronx."
- 18A *Editorial Channel 7, NYU Conf. on P.R.*

- Commentary by Richie Pérez on “Fort Apache: The Bronx”
José Rivera on Puerto Rican reality on WNBC radio.
- 18B *Badillo Show of Fort Apache, Aired Chan. 11, Sun. May 18, 9-10:30*
Forum on “Fort Apache: The Bronx” with Richie Pérez, Gilberto Gerena Valentín and others.
- 19A *AKIL – Com. To Free the 5, El Jíbaro (Beginning of tape), Part 2 – Vieques 20/20*
Recording of television report on Vieques, in particular the U.S. military presence.
- 19B *Panama*
Commemoration of “Revolución de Jayuya” (1950).
- 20A/B *WLIB/WWRL Yoruba RP Fort Apache*
Recording of program, “Black Talk,” with Pablo Guzmán and Richie Pérez discussing “Fort Apache: The Bronx.”
(restricted)
- 21A *Puerto Ricans: The Consequences of Change, Sept. 6, 1978, Channel 7*
Program on the changes in the political status of Puerto Rico and the consequences for the Puerto Rican community in the U.S.
- 21B *Vieques, 20/20, June 14, 1979 10 p.m.*
Continued from Side A with added discussion on the presence of the American military on the island of Vieques.
- 22A *Interview with Lolita + Oscar, Hernández-Colón, Celeste Benítez, Barceló, PR Nyorker, Tues. 9/18/78 Channel 11*
Recording of program, “Puerto Rican New Yorker,” on political activists arrested and incarcerated in the 1950s, includes interview with Lolita Lebrón.
Marina Mercado and Gilberto Gerena Valentín on Lolita Lebrón.
Oye Boricua
- 23A/B *Stop Fort Apache Cult. Festival, Aired: WKCR 12/1/80*
Live music at the Soundscape with Jerry González, Hilton Ruiz, Ray Barreto and others, April 22, 1980.
Eddie Figueroa of New Rican Village.
Discussion on “Fort Apache: The Bronx.”
Pedro Pietri reciting “Love Poem for My People.”
- 24A/B *And the Politics + History of Academ Fr., Anne Friedberg, Pat Keaton, Richard Porton, Alan Serva, + Ed Simmons/Room 422, NYU South Bldg., 51 W. 4th St.*
Music
Accounts of police brutality.
Segment on Mohawk prison.
Discussion of colonial situation of Puerto Rico.
- 25A/B *Queensboro Community College, “The New Racism:*

- Strategies for the 90s,*” Dec. 1987
Various speakers at forum.
- 26A/B *Racism in the Media, 2/10/83, SUNY Binghamton*
Lecture by Richie Pérez, includes background information on his activities and discussion on “Fort Apache: The Bronx.”
- 27A/B *Z4 July 97, Where We Live, NAACP MAJ Resolution/Hynes Rally/Sanchez Vigil, Comité 98 Demo, Mohawk Prison*
Recording of radio program on WBAI.
- 28A *The Statue of Liberty*
Radio program about the 1978 take over of the Statue of Liberty, hosted by Rina Benmayor and featuring Richie Pérez.
- 29A/B *WBAI Tribute, Tape 1*
Radio program dedicated to the life of Richie Pérez on the occasion of his death.
- 30A/B *WBAI Tribute, Tape 2*
Continuation of radio tribute to Pérez.
- 31A *Racial Justice Day Rally, P.S.A. Voice w/Music , 2 Versions*
- 32A/B *Where We Live/WBAI, Citywide Rally Against Racial Violence, 1996*

CDs and DVDs

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	1-2	Community Radio Tribute to Richie Pérez, WBAI, ca. 2004
	3	March of the Peoples Warrior, El Dávid, 2004
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	8	Steppin’ It Up, 2004

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	11	Báez Rally, 1995
	12	Bronx (Allerton/Belmont) March, Justice March, DC,

- NCPRR, 1986
- 13 Browning of America (Deep Dish TV), 1992
- 14 Charles Pérez (TV Talk Show on Police Brutality), undated
- 15 City Council Hearing: Manuel Mayi Street Sign, Channel 9 News, 1998
- 16 Concerned Parents for Educational Accountability, undated
- 17 Congressional Session Police Brutality, 1997
- 18 Community Service Society Memorial, 2004
- 19 Disorderly Conduct (Educational Video Center), undated

- 43 1 Eleven Years, Manny Mayi, NY 1 News, undated
- 2 Every Mother's Son, 2003
- 3 Federal Commission Hearing, 1999
- 4 HBO Latin Kings, 2003
- 5 Justice Committee Panel on Surveillance, 1-23, NCPRR, undated
- 6 Latinos in the Media, 1991
- 7 Livoti Verdict, Like It Is, Latin Kings, 1997
- 8 March for Justice, NYC, 1995
- 9 Manny Mayi March with Richie Pérez, 1999
- 10 Martha's 40th Birthday, undated
- 11 National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights Organizational Reform, 1995
- 12 News Shows on Juan Rodríguez, 1988
- 13 Puerto Rican March for Justice, 1986
- 14 Puerto Ricans in US, Channel 2 Eye on the People, National Justice March '86, 1986
- 15 Racial Justice Rally, Part 1, undated

- 44 1 Racial Violence, Belmont (Bronx), 1986
- 2 Rally at 30th Precinct, 1994
- 3 Richard Pérez Compilation Tribute Reel, POV, 2004
- 4-5 Richard Pérez Riverside Church Memorial Event, 2004
- 6 Richie Pérez Burial, 2004
- 7 Richie Pérez Dub (with footage of anti-police brutality demonstrations and Latino Officers Association awards ceremony), undated
- 8 Richie Pérez Fine Cut, 2004
- 9 Richie Pérez Prayer Vigil, 2004
- 10 Richie Pérez Reads Ft. Apache the Movie, undated
- 11 Richie Pérez, Rough Cut, 2004
- 12 Richie Pérez Town Hall Meeting, 1995
- 13 Richie Pérez VHS #1 (with excerpts from Like It Is, Good Day NY and anti-police brutality demonstrations), undated
- 14 Richie Pérez Wake, 2004

45	1	Richie Pérez's 50 th Birthday Party, 1994
	2	St. Ann's Testimony, 1990
	3	Tiempo TV Show on Racial Justice, 1988
	4	Town Hall Meeting, 1995
	5	Urban Agenda: Richard Pérez, 1998
	6	Vigil Messages to Richie Pérez, 2004
	7	What is Police Brutality?, undated
	8	Yuri Kochiyama: Passion for Justice, undated

Series IX: Artifacts (1979-2004)

Inclusive of banners, buttons, plaques and t-shirts, this series highlights some of Pérez's history in leftist movements and provides researchers with evidence of grassroots efforts at combating police brutality, the existence of some seminal community organizations and honors bestowed upon him.

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	3 National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights, Racial Justice Day, 1996
	4 Racial Justice Day, Equality of Life for All, undated
	5 Racial Justice Day, New York City Hall, 1997
	6 Richie Vive, La Lucha Sigue, undated
	7 Tengo Puerto Rico en Mi Corazón, YLP (Young Lords Party), undated
	Plaques
	8 La Herencia Latina Planning Comité at New York University Presents to Richard Pérez This Achievement Award, 1995
	9 Presented to Richie Pérez, In Celebration of 50 Years of Hard Living, And 25 Years Of Dedicated Struggle On Behalf of Puerto Rican, Latino, And All People of Color, December 3, 1944 – December 3, 1994, From the National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights, New York City Chapter, Thank Your For Your Courage and Undying Commitment, 1994
	10 TWU Local 100 "We Move New York" In Honor of Richie Pérez, 2004
	11 The United Students League of Brooklyn College Presents This Award to Prof. Richie Pérez, 1979

T-Shirts

- 12 Justice/Justicia, March on Racial Justice Day, 1997
- 13 National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights, 10 Aniversario
- 14 Racial Justice Day, 1996