



The PhD Project Hall of Fame

2019 Honoree

Dr. Jorge Pérez

Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Success

University of Tennessee System

-- Jorge Perez has had a significant influence on PhD Project affiliated faculty through his exemplary execution of administrative responsibilities and the significant contributions he has made at institutions such as Kennesaw State University and University of Tennessee. Early in his academic career, Jorge saw that serving in higher education administration as a business faculty-of-color with strong managerial training was both illustrative of an alternative career path for PhD Project alumni, and another way by which to advance the Project's ultimate goal of a more diverse faculty body. Jorge has exemplified integrity and dedicated service, and continues to inspire PhD potential applicants at the November gatherings, and DSA members at the information systems annual gathering. He has given sacrificially to the Project for many years.

Jorge Pérez, a native of Cuba, is associate vice president for academic affairs and student success at the University of Tennessee System in Knoxville. He holds a bachelor's degree in English, an MBA, and a Ph.D. in information systems from Florida State University.

Dr. Pérez was previously vice provost and professor of information systems at Kennesaw State University in Georgia. He was the recipient of a prestigious American Council on Education (ACE) Fellowship in 2013, spending that academic year at the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Informing Science Institute, and served on the boards of the Latin American Association and the Atlanta Electronic Commerce Forum.

Dr. Pérez has industry experience as a systems analyst, web developer, and consultant, and has taught e-business, web development, systems analysis and design, data communications, and quantitative methods for business decisions. Digital literacy is the focus of his current research.