

Juan Carlos Vega-Martinez, D.M.A. candidate



School Affiliation:	Puerto Rico Instructional Site, School of Education
Rank:	Adjunct Instructor
Date of Hire:	2006
Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D.M.A., in Music Education Candidate at Boston University • M.Ed., Music Education, Cambridge College • BMusEd., Puerto Rico Music Conservatory • Piano Performance, Berklee College of Music
Awards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puerto Rico Teaching Fellowship – Music

Prof. Juan Carlos Vega-Martinez is a part-time faculty member at Cambridge College where he teaches Music Education classes in the CC Puerto Rico Graduate Program. His interest in music education dates back to the years in high school, where excelled in band, chorus and piano. He has taught instrumental, vocal and general music in elementary, middle, high school and college levels, in addition to be an active professional musician.

Prof. Vega is originally from the south of Puerto Rico but he moved to San Juan in 1996 to be the creator and founder of the music school program of the Colegio San Ignacio de Loyola, being also their choral and band director. Then, he worked as a Theory & Solfege and Piano professor at the Inter American University of Puerto Rico and the Puerto Rico Conservatory of Music.

In his studies toward a doctoral degree is examining more closely the present challenges of music education in the schools and intend to continue working on the development of resources, and implementation of programs in music that provide creative solutions that permit to achieve the National Standards of Music Education with high quality in the schools. He believes that it is in the Fine Arts Program of the Puerto Rico Department of Education that can make the greatest contribution, utilizing his theoretical background and creativity as an artist and educator. Moreover, to develop proactive strategies that influence and educate decision makers.

As a musician, has participated with some of the most important Latin music artists such as: Wilkins, Lissette, Gilberto Santa Rosa, Isabel Pantoja, Ednita Nazario, Olga Tañón, Danny Rivera, Cucco Peña, among many others. Actually, participate as pianist and arranger of the Symphonic State Band of Puerto Rico. Unarguably, Juan is contributing with his fresh perspective to this extraordinary learning environment for working adults at Cambridge College teaching Foundations of Music Education, Selection and Performance of Music in the Schools, Methods in Music Education, Music for Teachers, Research Methods, Music Form and Analysis, Orchestration and The Universal Language of Music in Education and Culture.

Professional Certifications/Licenses:

- Puerto Rico Department of Education – Music Teacher
 - Florida Professional Educator's Certificate Eligibility – Music (Grades K-12)
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Courses:

Graduate

- The Universal Language of Music in Education and Culture
 - Music for Teachers
 - Foundations of Music Education
 - Selection and Performance of Music in the Schools
 - Methods in Music Education
 - Music Form and Analysis
 - Orchestration
 - Research Methods
 - Planning Seminar: Indiv.M.Ed.
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Community Involvement:

- Executive Producer of the Jazz Nights @ SJ Marriott as a partner A-Z Music Corp.
 - Associate Director of the specialized Summer Camp "Verano Musical"
 - Member of the Cultural Activity Committee for Scholarships at the Colegio San Ignacio
 - Director of the Corporate-Community Choir of "El Nuevo Dia" – newspaper
 - Director of the Juana Diaz Municipal Community Orchestra
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Professional Membership:

- MENC – The National Association for Music Education (Music Educators National Conference)
 - ISME – International Society for Music Education
 - IAJE – International Association of Jazz Educators
 - LARAS – The Latin Recording Academy (Latin Grammy)
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Research and Presentations:

- Perspectives of Music Education from pre-school level to fifth grade: The role of National Standards for Arts Education in the curriculum. 2005
 - Have given presentations at many professional conferences, seminars and workshops.
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Publications:

- "Breve Historia de la Música en Puerto Rico." 2001
 - "Popssical – Classical goes to Latin." 2005
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Other Interests:

- Baseball, Travel, Computers, Politics, Poetry
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