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Creator History

Born in Puerto Rico, José A. Vigo migrated to New York where he attended Hunter College, graduated in 1978 summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Language and Culture Studies. He was awarded the Masters in Philosophy degree from Yale University in 1980, and was working towards his Ph.D. in Anthropology from Yale University in 1987, the year he died. Vigo taught Afro-American Studies and Anthropology as well as Puerto Rican History and Culture at three Connecticut universities including Yale. He died in 1987.

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Key Terms

Subjects

African Americans -- Puerto Rico -- Social life and customs
Anthropological linguistics -- Dominican Republic
Anthropologists -- United States
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Blacks -- Dominican Republic -- Social life and customs
Blacks -- Languages
Creole dialects, French -- Haiti
Ethnology -- Dominican Republic
Language and culture
Languages in contact -- Dominican Republic
Languages, Mixed
Spanish language -- Foreign elements

Geographic Names

Dominican Republic -- Civilization -- African influences
United States -- Civilization -- African American influences

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