

Olga Jiménez de Wagenheim, Ph.D.



Dr. Olga Jiménez de Wagenheim is Professor Emerita in History, Rutgers University, Newark Campus, where she taught for 27 years and received the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award (1991), the Humanitarian Award (1998) and many others.

She has a Ph.D in Latin American and Caribbean History from Rutgers University (1981), an M.A. in Latin American History from the State University of New York at Buffalo (1971), and a B.A in History and Education from Inter American University, San Juan, Puerto Rico (1970), where she graduated Magna Cum Laude and won the Salvador Brau History Prize.

Dr. Jiménez de Wagenheim has published several books and numerous articles on Puerto Rico and Puerto Ricans. Among her books are *Puerto Rico: An Interpretive History From Pre-Columbian Times to 1900* (Markus Wiener Pub.1998), *Puerto Rico's Revolt for Independence: El Grito de Lares* (Westview Press, 1984), *El Grito de Lares: Sus causas y sus hombres* (Huracan,1984), and *The Puerto Ricans: A Documentary History* (Praeger, 1973, Markus, Wiener, 2000), co-edited with Kal Wagenheim. Her latest book, *Nationalist Heroines: Puerto Rican Women History Forgot, 1930s -1950s* (Markus Wiener Publishers; 1st edition, May 2, 2016) has been a welcome addition to the historiography of Latin American women.

She has received fellowships and grants, including a Fulbright Fellowship to Argentina (1991); Honored Member of Phi Beta Kappa (2001); a Ford Foundation Fellowship (1973-76); two grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and several from state and local agencies for her Oral History Project on the Latino community of New Jersey.

During 1999-2013, she actively volunteered at the Newark Public Library, where she co-founded the New Jersey Hispanic Research and Information Center (NJHRIC).

To support the Center's work, she founded a community group known initially as the Support Network of HRIC, which has now incorporated as Friends of the HRIC. In addition to her years of work at the Newark Public Library in the development and establishment of NJHRIC, she collaborates with various community-based groups as advisor to historical rescue projects. She has appeared on several radio and television programs over the years.

Dr. Jiménez de Wagenheim was born in Camuy, Puerto Rico. She is married to Kal Wagenheim and has two grown children, David Roberto and María Dolores.