



Marisa Rivera-Albert

Marisa Rivera-Albert is the President of Mpowerment Works, a consulting firm designed to impact global change by empowering people and focusing on empowering the majority: "Women". Mpowerment Works, LLC, provides unique domestic and international seminars, keynote presentations, and innovative programs; all designed to empower people to become agents of social change. Marisa Rivera-Albert is a Social Entrepreneur. Currently she is producing *Latina Voices: Leadership Journeys*, an educational video showcasing Latina leaders sharing their secrets to success.

Her extensive work experience in the nonprofit, government and private sectors have always been used to resolve justice and equality issues facing the world today. Ms. Rivera-Albert has over 30 years of combined educational, consulting, international, and community development, leadership development experience. Prior to starting Mpowerment Works, Ms. Rivera-Albert was President of the National Hispana Leadership Institute (NHLI), the top leadership program for Latinas in the country.

Before leading NHLI, Ms. Rivera-Albert worked in higher education as the Special Assistant to the President for Diversity and Community Relations at Black Hawk College in Illinois and at Western Illinois University managing the Hispanic Program for Educational Advancement as well as the Learning to Lead Program for Hispanic students.

Her work experience also includes several assignments overseas, including working for the U.S. Information Agency, the U.S. Embassy in Panama and as a consultant in organizational development in Spain. She was an invited U.S. State Department speaker in Ecuador, Argentina and Peru as well as invited to speak on Women Empowerment in Bolivia and Mexico. She served as an international elections observer in Honduras. Ms. Rivera-Albert has also participated in a fellowship to Israel with the American Jewish Committee and Project Interchange.

Ms. Rivera-Albert is originally from San Juan, Puerto Rico. She has a BA in Communications from American University and a Master's degree in Education Administration from Western Illinois University. She is also a graduate of the Harvard University JFK School of Government Executive Program, the Center for Creative Leadership Institute, the Gallup Leadership Institute, the HACR Harvard Business Executive Program on Corporate Governance, and the Mexican American Solidarity Foundation.

She is the recipient of the Cesar Chavez Community Service Award given by the US Hispanic Leadership Institute, and she was awarded as one of the 21 Leaders for the 21st Century by Women's eNews. She is also the recipient of the "Huesped Ilustre Medal from the city of Ayacucho, Peru, The Women Helping Women Award by the Hispanic Professional Women's Association, The Trailblazer Award by Latina Style Magazine, the Global Impact Leadership Award from the Hispanic Women's Corporation, the Superior Honor Award from the State Department, the Administrative Excellence In Promoting Multiculturalism Award from Western Illinois University, and the Illumination Award from the City Club of the Quad Cities.

Ms. Rivera-Albert has been featured in *Hispanic Magazine*, the *Woman MBA Magazine*, the TV show *Hispanics Today*, Lifetime Television for Women, *Champions of Change*, *LatinaStyle Magazine*, Monster.com and the *Soy Latina*, *Soy Unica* SAMHSA website.

Ms. Rivera-Albert has extensive community service and volunteering experience. She served on the Board of the U.S. Committee for United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). Currently she is on the board of World Pulse, a nonprofit organization that addresses global issues through women's eyes. She was appointed by Governor Mark Warner of Virginia to the Commission on the Status of Women and was a Board member for Habitat for Humanity in Northern Virginia, has volunteered for many Latina Youth groups, the Red Cross of America, the Hispanic Heritage Foundation, The Girls Scouts of America, the Make a Difference National Project, the March of Dimes, the Boys and Girls Club, the Read Aloud Program, the Quad Cities Minority Achievement Project, Quad Cities Mentoring Program, Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce Leadership, the Civil Institute for Women of Color.

Ms. Rivera-Albert is a dynamic keynote speaker who will energize your audience and inspire them to achieve their dreams. She is a strong advocate for Latina leadership, youth empowerment, women entrepreneurship and global activism. Her areas of expertise include; leadership training; empowerment and inspiration for personal development, management experience in national and international programs development, non-profit governance, Hispanic marketing, diversity training, and fundraising.