

Office Address: 126B Nuevo Edificio de Ciencias

Extension: 3124

E-mail: maria.dejesus2@upr.edu

**Webpage:** <a href="https://dejesuslab3.wixsite.com/dejesus">https://dejesuslab3.wixsite.com/dejesus</a>

## Courses:

BIOL 4555 Human Embryology

BIOL 3701 Anatomy and Physiology Part 1

BIOL 3702 Anatomy and Physiology Part 2

**BIOL 3936 Behavioral Neuroendocrinology** 

BIOL 4990 Undergraduate Research

## **Education:**

PhD in Anatomy, focused on Neuroscience

## **Research Focus (Summary):**

Our laboratory has two main projects. The first project is an in-vitro study that focused on understanding the possible molecular mechanisms involved in the role of estradiol regulating midbrain dopaminergic neurons. The second project uses the Caribbean hermit crab, Coenobita clypeatus, as a bioindicator to study the effects of anthropogenic noise on animals' behavior and Nervous system. Both projects engage undergraduate students of UPR-Cayey, providing them skills and aptitudes for Neuroscience research.

## **Publications:**