Alternately called the History Task Force and the History and Migration Task Force, this research task force originated as the Historical Research and Documentation Task Force and was charged with a mandate to create a program of research on the social history and empirical conditions of the Puerto Rican community in the U.S. and in Puerto Rico. At the heart of Centro’s research activities, the History Task Force modeled a research agenda that focused on the Puerto Rican migration to the United States, the socio-economic factors that contributed to its progression and the deep ramifications it would have for the condition of Puerto Ricans in the United States. Initial studies undertaken concentrated on the origins of capitalism in Puerto Rico, the development of the plantation system on the island and the island’s subsequent industrialization. Seeking to historically frame the consequences of migration, task force researchers sought to locate the economic motivations behind the social, cultural and national displacement of Puerto Ricans in order to better comprehend their contemporary socio-economic status in the U.S.

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