

Dr. Jorge H. Atilés

Jorge Horacio Atilés was born and raised in the Dominican Republic, but has called the United States home for 20 years. In 1986, he graduated with a Bachelor's in Architecture from his birth land, and then he came to the United States to obtain his Masters in Urban & Regional Planning and Ph.D. in Housing at Virginia Tech.

Virginia Tech is also where he met his love, Julia. The two of them are now currently faculty members at the University of Georgia and live in Athens where they raise their two wonderful children.

Jorge came to UGA in 1999 and is now the Associate Dean of Outreach and Extension in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. In addition, he serves as the Family and Consumer Sciences State Program Leader for Cooperative Extension and also provides leadership in Latino outreach for UGA Extension.

Aside from his extensive research record in housing issues, some of his most noted work has included educating the public on housing finance, Radon gas, energy conservation and water quality. His ability to secure external funding to design these programs has been paramount to his success as a faculty member. His work has been awarded by The University of Georgia and the US Environmental Protection Agency, among others.

His activities in national, state, and community organizations are many, He has chaired of the Athens-Clarke County Vision 2010 Committee, is a board member of Catholic Charities, the incoming president of the national professional association in his field, the Housing Education and Research Association, and an executive board member of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges' Board on Human Sciences.