

Alexandra Mendoza-Graf

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Pardee RAND Graduate School
PhD Candidate in Policy Analysis

Santa Monica, CA
2016 – present

UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs
Masters of Public Policy

Los Angeles, CA
2011-2013

University of California, Berkeley
BA, Political Science/Public Policy

Berkeley, CA
2006-2010

US Citizen

Security Clearance: Secret (processing)

SKILLS

Computer skills

Statistical Packages: STATA

Data Analysis: Tableau, Dedoose, NVivo

Other: Prezi, Wordpress, NationBuilder

Languages

Spanish: Fluent, Portuguese: Proficient

EXPERIENCE

Assistant Policy Researcher
RAND Corporation

Los Angeles, CA
2016-Present

- Partake in research collaboration with the state of Texas for implementing and improving mainstreaming programs at community colleges, by conducting and analyzing interviews; developing, implementing, and analyzing surveys; and taking part in the development of policy recommendations
- Coordinate an interest group of higher education researchers with the goal of establishing relationships with entities that are relevant for developing and implementing higher education policies

Research Associate

Los Angeles Education Research Institute (LAERI)/UCLA

Los Angeles, CA
2016

- Conducted field interviews with school counselors at Los Angeles high schools to obtain information about college readiness resources available at each school
- Transcribed, coded, and analyzed field interviews using Dedoose analytic software
- Coded, analyzed, and mapped out survey data about the number of college readiness services provided at each Los Angeles high school and corresponding socioeconomic covariates, using Tableau analytic software

Project Manager **Los Angeles, CA**
UCLA Blum Center on Health and Poverty in Latin America 2015-2016

- Managed project about the operationalization of social cohesion in Latin America and Europe
- Conducted literature reviews on social cohesion and its effect on health of Latino populations
- Managed development of research design and protocols, communications and reporting for project
- Transcribed, translated, coded, and sorted qualitative interview data for analysis
- Performed analyses of data and developed final reports
- Assisted in the development of grant proposals for future research

Writer/Analyst **Los Angeles, CA**
BOTEK Analysis Corporation 2014-2015

- Provided updated information on current drug policy issues regarding public opinion, policy implications and implementation, and ongoing studies related to drug policy
- Coordinated with researchers to develop and write pieces about drug policy for various online outlets

Research Consultant **Los Angeles, CA**
Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation (MDRC) 2014

- Conducted field interviews in English and Spanish with teachers and families who participated in summer program for low-income students
- Transcribed and coded interviews, performed descriptive statistical analysis, and developed interview analysis memos to gauge the types of activities that help students prevent loss of learning

Survey Coordinator **Los Angeles, CA**
V-SOURCE Education Research Project, UCLA 2014

- Performed hiring, scheduling, training, and supervising activities for 10 survey callers
- Utilized CRM system to track caller performance, track survey response, and to set benchmarks
- Achieved over 90% response rate for survey that was distributed to over 4,000 low-income students

Director of Campaign Validation Operations **Los Angeles, CA**
Democracy Resources 2014

- Managed and developed organizational and logistical strategies for department of 200 people
- Developed systems for gauging canvasser performance for 10 canvassing offices with 2800 employees throughout California and developed efficiency analysis memos for the department
- Tracked 1,500,000 signatures for 3 petitions appearing on the November 2014 ballot using voter data through CRM Political Data Inc.

Program Evaluation Consultant

Lilongwe, Malawi

Malawi Economic Justice Network

2012

- Analyzed existing program case studies performed program analysis on ten development projects to determine best tactics and best practices for program implementation
- Conducted in-depth field interviews with grantees and stakeholders
- Collaborated with other project consultant and lead researcher to develop final, evaluative program reports with recommendations

Diplomatic Intern

Lilongwe, Malawi

U.S. State Department

2009

- Drafted reports on political contentions, human rights issues, and environmental issues
- Provided media monitoring services to embassy's Public Affairs sector
- Provided assistance in the drafting of an action plan for the U.S. Agency for International Development and met with political officials and NGOs on behalf of US Mission in Malawi

PUBLICATIONS

Rodríguez, Michael A., **Mendoza-Graf, Alexandra C.**, Brooks, Ronald A., Dubois, Anne M., Eisenman, David, von Ehrenstein, Ondine S. *Operationalizing Social Cohesion in Latin America—Implications for the United States*. Los Angeles, 2016.

PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Alexandra C. Mendoza-Graf, "The Operationalization of Social Cohesion in Latin America: Implications for the United States," at the UC Global Health Day 2015, UC Global Health Institute, April 18, 2015, Los Angeles.

Rodriguez, M. A., Brooks, R., **Mendoza, A.**, Eisenman, D., Dubois, A. M., & von Ehrenstein, O. (2016). Operationalisation of social cohesion interventions in Latin America and Europe. *The Lancet Global Health*, 4, S7.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Department Service Award

UCLA Department of Public Policy

2013

Sustainability Research Showcase Award

UCLA Graduate Student Association

2013