

# 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**  
Master 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

## **SKILLS**

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### **Computer skills**

Statistical Packages: STATA

Data Analysis: Tableau, Dedoose, NVivo

### **Languages**

Spanish: Fluent, Portuguese: Proficient

## **EXPERIENCE**

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**Assistant Policy Researcher**  
RAND Corporation

**Santa Monica, CA**  
2016-Present

- Conduct qualitative research on project evaluating the rollout of a program on HIV and HCV co-infected individuals. Coded and analyzed focus group transcripts using Dedoose software
- Assist in the qualitative analysis of project looking to improve ART adherence through text reminders and small incentives. Coded and analyzed exit focus groups using Dedoose software and collaborated in the development of focus group results and manuscript
- Partake in research collaboration with the state of Texas for implementing and improving mainstreaming programs at community colleges, by conducting and analyzing interviews and focus groups using NVivo software; developing, implementing, and analyzing surveys; conducting workshops; and taking part in the development of policy recommendations

### **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, coded interviews, and analyzed interviews 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**

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Bromley, Elizabeth, **Alexandra Mendoza-Graf**, Sandra Berry, Camille Nebeker, Dmitry Khodyakov. *From 'Informed' to 'Engaged' Consent: Risks and Obligations in Consent for Participation in a Health Data Repository*. *The Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*, 48 (2020): 172-182.

MacCarthy, Sarah, Zachary Wagner, **Alexandra Mendoza-Graf**, Carlos Ignacio Gutierrez, Clare Samba, Josephine Birungi, Stephen Okoboi, Sebastian Linnemayr. *A randomized controlled trial study of the acceptability, feasibility, and preliminary impact of SITA (SMS as an Incentive To Adhere): A mobile technology-based intervention informed by behavioral economics to improve ART adherence among youth in Uganda*. *BMC Infectious Diseases* (2020).

Tucker, Joan S., Sebastian Linnemayr, Eric R. Pedersen, William G. Shadel, Rushil Zutshi, and **Alexandra Mendoza-Graf**. *Developing a text messaging-based smoking cessation intervention for young smokers experiencing homelessness*. *Journal of Smoking Cessation* (2019): 1-9.

MacCarthy, Sarah, **Alexandra Mendoza-Graf**, Haijing Huang, Barbara Mukasa, and Sebastian Linnemayr. *Supporting Adolescents to Adhere (SATA): Lessons learned from an intervention to achieve medication adherence targets among youth living with HIV in Uganda*. *Children and Youth Services Review* 102 (2019): 56-62.

MacCarthy, Sarah, Joanna L. Barreras, **Alexandra Mendoza-Graf**, Frank Galvan, and Sebastian Linnemayr. *Strategies for Improving Mobile Technology-Based HIV Prevention Interventions With Latino Men Who Have Sex With Men and Latina Transgender Women*. *AIDS Education and Prevention* 31, no. 5 (2019): 407-420.

MacCarthy, Sarah, **Alexandra Mendoza-Graf**, Uzaib Saya, Clare Samba, Josephine Birungi, Stephen Okoboi, and Sebastian Linnemayr. *Lessons learned from a mobile technology-based intervention informed by behavioral economics to improve ART adherence among youth in Uganda*. *AIDS care* (2019): 1-7.

Khodyakov, Dmitry, **Alexandra Mendoza-Graf**, Sandra Berry, Camille Nebeker, and Elizabeth Bromley. *Return of value in the new era of biomedical research—one size will not fit all*. *AJOB Empirical Bioethics* (2019): 1-11.

Berry, Sandra H., Dmitry Khodyakov, David Matthew Grant, **Alexandra Mendoza-Graf**, Elizabeth Bromley, Gina Karimi, Barbara Levitan, Karin Liu, and Sydne Newberry. *Profile of Institutional Review Board Characteristics Prior to the 2019 Implementation of the Revised Common Rule*. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2018.

Daugherty, Lindsay, Celia J. Gomez, Diana Gehlhaus Carew, **Alexandra Mendoza-Graf**, and Trey Miller, *Designing and Implementing Corequisite Models of Developmental Education: Findings from Texas Community Colleges*. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2018.

Carew, Diana Gehlhaus, Lindsay Daugherty, Rita Karam, Trey Miller, and **Alexandra Mendoza-Graf**. *Practitioner Perspectives on Implementing Developmental Education Reforms*. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2018.

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

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**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). Operationalization of social cohesion interventions in Latin America and Europe. *The Lancet Global Health*, 4, S7.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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<b>NCI Diversity Supplement Dissertation Award (\$207,278)</b> NIH/NCI supplement to support dissertation research	2019
<b>JL Foundation Dissertation Award (\$25,000)</b> Dissertation award focusing on children and families	2018
<b>Sustainability Research Showcase Award</b> UCLA Graduate Student Association	2013