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Felisha Herrera Villarreal is an assistant professor of Postsecondary Education and Community College Leadership at San Diego State University (SDSU). Prior to joining SDSU, she served as an assistant professor of Community College Leadership and affiliated faculty in Public Policy at Oregon State

University from 2012-2015. Dr. Herrera Villarreal completed her PhD in education (with an emphasis in higher education & organizational change) at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), where she was a research analyst for the UCLA Higher Education Research Institute. She also earned a master's degree from UCLA, master's and bachelor's degrees from the University of New Mexico (UNM), and an associate's degree from UNM-Taos (branch community college). Her scholarship is enhanced by 14 years of experience as a higher education professional at two- and four-year institutions, several Minority-Serving Institutions/Hispanic-Serving Institutions, including faculty and professional positions in student affairs, institutional research, and administration.

Dr. Herrera Villarreal is a consummate scholar, who has published in top tier, peer-reviewed journals, including: *The Review of Higher Education* and *the American Educational Research Journal*. To inform system-wide change, her research employs advanced statistical techniques, including multilevel modeling and spatial analysis, to examine contextual factors— institutional (structure, process, and policy), geographic, demographic, political and economic contexts— that impact postsecondary outcomes for students of color. Her scholarship focuses on historically marginalized student populations, including Latino students, and is reflected in her relevant research on Latinos in community colleges, Latinos in STEM, access to education for undocumented students, and educational outcomes for English language learners.