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Bio Sketch:

Diane Torres-Velásquez is Associate Professor in the College of Education and Human Sciences at the University of New Mexico. Her Ph.D. is in special education with an emphasis on bilingual and multicultural student populations. She is Affiliated Faculty with Chicana and Chicano Studies. Her research interests include public education and the law; Latina/o/x Education; Prison Literacy for Women; High School Dropout and Graduation; Mathematics and Scientific Literacy; and Identity and Raza Studies. In Fall 2010, she was appointed the Hispanic Education Liaison in the New Mexico Public Education Department, where she wrote the first Hispanic Education Status Report for grades PreK-20.

In her community service, Diane currently serves as President of the Latino Education Task Force, the grassroots organization that created and worked with legislators to pass the only Hispanic Education Act in the country. The same community organization conceptualized and worked with MALDEF to create and win the most comprehensive education lawsuit on public education, *Martínez v. State of New Mexico*.

Diane serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Hispanic Higher Education. She has co-edited special issues of Remedial and Special Education (RASE) and the Journal of the Association of Mexican American Educators. Her greatest accomplishment is being the mother

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