

Teresa L. Córdova, Ph.D.

Teresa Córdova is Chair and Professor of The Community and Regional Planning Program at The University of New Mexico. She received her Master's and Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley and her undergraduate degree from the University of Denver. Among her awards and fellowships, she was a National Research Council Fellow and a National Science Foundation trainee.

Professor Córdova is currently President of the Board of Directors of The Praxis Project, a national, nonprofit organization that provides research, technical assistance and financial support to tackle issues impacting the well being of communities. "Praxis builds partnerships with local groups to influence policymaking to address the underlying, systemic causes of community problems. Praxis trains partner organizations and provides research, technical assistance and financial support to tackle issues impacting the well being of communities" (from their website).

Teresa Córdova, was recently elected Secretary of the Governing Board of the Association for Collegiate Schools of Planning, a consortium of university –based programs offering credentials in urban and regional planning. ACSP promotes education, research, service and outreach and is committed to understanding the dynamics of urban and regional development and enhancing planning practice and education.

Dr. Córdova is founder and former Director of the Resource Center for Raza Planning, a Center within the School of Architecture and Planning whose mission is to promote the sustainability and survivability of traditional communities in New Mexico. Dr. Córdova and her students were instrumental in the development of the South Valley Economic Development Center. While Director, The Center engaged students in research, policy writing and analysis, public participation, design, strategic and sector planning, and curriculum development all related to economic development, infrastructure (water, sewer, drainage, road improvement), land use, neighborhood development, agricultural preservation, and youth development. Students involved in the Center have gone on to become successful professionals in the field of community development.

Professor Córdova is a Former Bernalillo County Commissioner, when she also served on the Bernalillo County Board of Finance, The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Government Commission and the Mid-Region Council of Government Metropolitan Transportation Board. While an elected commissioner she brought needed infrastructure projects and improvements, economic development, amenities such as open space, parks, a medical clinic, youth facilities, and services to her district. She initiated several long range planning projects.

She has sat on numerous national and local boards and steering committees of

community development corporations, planning organizations, policy groups, and campus committees. Teresa served for several years as President of the Board of the Rio Grande Community Development Corporation, which serves the South Valley, an unincorporated community facing issues of urban encroachments and an array of social issues. She was also a member of the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities,

Professor Córdova is an invited speaker and participant at numerous universities, policy meetings, and conferences. For several months in 2009, as a panelist on KNME TV (PBS) New Mexico in Focus, she discussed current local, regional, and national issues. As a community-based practitioner and a university-community collaborator, her research interests include economic development, local governance, global/local dynamics and public infrastructure. She publishes in the fields of Community Development and Latina/o Studies.

She is a recent recipient of the Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award for Faculty and The Mid-Region Council of Government Leadership Award. She is also a former recipient of the University of Nebraska Hyde Chair of Excellence.