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Biography

Lorelle L. Espinosa is the vice president for research at the American Council on Education, a national membership organization that mobilizes the higher education community to shape effective public policy and foster innovative, high-quality practice. She is responsible for developing and managing the organization's thought leadership portfolio and for ensuring a strong evidence base across ACE's myriad programs and services. Espinosa has served the higher education profession for 20 years, beginning in student affairs and undergraduate admissions at the University of California, Davis; Stanford University; and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Prior to ACE, she held senior roles at the Institute for Higher Education Policy and Abt Associates. Espinosa's scholarship spans a variety of issues, including race and ethnicity in American higher education, diversity and inclusion in the STEM disciplines, race-conscious practices in selective college admissions, the role of minority serving institutions in meeting 21st century educational and workforce goals, and contributors to positive campus climates. She has contributed opinion and scholarly works to peer-reviewed journals, academic volumes, and industry publications and websites, including the *Harvard Educational Review*, *Research in Higher Education*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Inside Higher Ed*, *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, CNN.com, *The Hechinger Report*, and HigherEdToday.org. Espinosa is co-chair of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine study committee, *Closing the Equity Gap: Revitalizing STEM Education and Workforce Readiness Programs in the Nation's Minority Serving Institutions*, and is a research affiliate at the University of Southern California Pullias Center on Higher Education. Espinosa earned her Ph.D. in higher education and organizational change from the University of California, Los Angeles; her bachelor of arts from the University of California, Davis; and her associate of arts from Santa Barbara City College.