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Biography

Claudia L. Aranda is a senior research associate in the Metropolitan Housing and Communities Policy Center at the Urban Institute, where she focuses on housing discrimination, fair housing, and housing market research. Since rejoining Urban in 2010, she has been director of field operations for multiple Housing Discrimination Studies (HDS) funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, including studies on race and ethnicity (HDS2012), familial status (HDS-Families), disability (HDS-Disabilities), sexual orientation and gender identity (HDS-LGT), and source of income (HDS-Vouchers). Under her supervision, the Urban Institute Field Operations Team has supervised the completion of more than 14,000 paired tests in rental and sales markets nationwide. Aranda's ongoing work investigates differential treatment on the basis of personal and household characteristics. She works with fair housing and other advocacy and community organizations across the country, implementing best practices in testing methodologies and field staff recruitment, training, and management. Most recently, she has led a multisite process evaluation on jurisdictions completing Assessments of Fair Housing. Aranda is an alumna of Stanford University and Columbia Law School.