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Dra. Marissa C. Vasquez is an Associate Professor of Postsecondary Educational Leadership, teaching doctoral and master's courses in the Department of Administration, Rehabilitation, and Postsecondary Education. She is a community college scholar that uses an anti-deficit lens to understand and interrogate the pre/post transitional experiences of community college and transfer students, particularly first-generation and racially minoritized communities. As the Associate Director of the Community College Equity Assessment Lab (CCEAL), a national research laboratory at SDSU, she leads efforts to assist community colleges in identifying and assessing challenges to equity-centered institutional effectiveness, and developing problem-solving strategies and solutions. Dra. Vasquez also leads the SEMILLAS Research Team, which seeks to not only further scholarship on community college students, but also engage them in research. Her team recently received a national award for their SEMILLAS Research Fellowship Program, a summer institute that is designed to introduce community college students to social science research. Dra. Vasquez is co-Editor of the Journal of Applied Research in the Community College and is on the editorial board for the Journal of Hispanics in Higher Education.

A native of the South Bay, she earned her A.A. from Southwestern College, B.A. in English from UC Berkeley, M.A. in counseling from the University of San Diego, and her Ed.D. in Community College Leadership from San Diego State University.

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