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Education History

- Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, Sociology, 1986
- M.A. University of California, Berkeley, Sociology, 1979
- B.A. University of Denver, Sociology, 1974

Córdova has been an elected and appointed member and/or chair of national, regional and local boards, commissions and steering committees of federal, regional, county and city governments, community development corporations, grassroots organizations, editorial boards, research centers, professional associations, planning organizations, policy groups, civic and advisory councils, coalitions and campus committees. She has been instrumental in affecting economic development policy and projects, the provision and design of infrastructure, local governance, and neighborhood change. Her previous government appointments include:

- Chicago Plan Commission, Chair, September 2019 –
- Cook County Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC), Member, April 2017-
- Jobs and Economic Opportunity Transition Committee for Governor-Elect JB Pritzker and Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton, December 2018- January 2019
- Technical Standards Committee, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority, Member, August 2010 - 2013
- Board of County Commissioners, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, January 1, 2005-December 31, 2008 (Vice-Chair, 2006-2007).
- Bernalillo County Board of Finance, 2005-2008
- Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, 2005-2008
- Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Commission, 2005-2008 (Chair, 2005-2006)
- Mid Region Council of Governments, Metropolitan Transportation Board, 2005-2008
- Metropolitan Transit Board, Mid-Region Council of Government, 2005-2008
- Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Unification Charter Commission Nov. 2002-September 2003
- Albuquerque/Bernalillo County "Unification Exploratory Group," May 2002 – November 2002.
- Department of Energy, Sandia Labs, Community Advisory Board (CAB), 1999- 2001
- Environmental Protection Agency, National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee, Environmental Education Workgroup, August 1996- 1997
- Environmental Protection Agency, National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (NEJAC), Subcommittee on Hazardous Waste Facility Siting, November, 1995-1997
- Albuquerque Partnership for Community Economic Development, City of Albuquerque, Executive Committee, 1994-1996
- Developmental Process Manual, Affordable Housing Subcommittee, City of Albuquerque, 1992
- Housing Planning Task Force, City of Albuquerque, 1991-1992
- Planning Commission, Berkeley, California, 1984-1986 (Vice-Chair, 1985-1986)
- Area Plan Committee Chair, South Berkeley, Planning Commission, 1984-1986
- City Council Committee on Community Development, 1984-1986, Berkeley, California
- Mayor's Committee on Sacramento Street Development Project, 1985, Mayor Gus Newport, City of Berkeley, California

Currently, she serves on The Board of Directors of the Illinois Humanities Council and the Illinois Voices for Children's Thought Leaders of Color Advisory Committee and recently served on the Board of Directors of Manufacturing Renaissance and LUCHA (Latino United Community Housing Association). She is an Associate Editor for *Economic Development Quarterly* and sits on the Editorial Boards of *Aztlan: A Journal of Chicano Studies* and *Latino Studies*; and *Latinos in the United States* Book Series (Michigan State University Press). She just completed a three-year term on the editorial board of *State and Local Government Review*.

She has expertise in the area of economic development via her work as a policy maker, community economic development planner, and researcher. While serving as a County Commissioner, she paid particular attention to issues of community building as well as economic development policy, including tax increment financing and Industrial Revenue Bonds. She is a proponent of business incubators, particularly at the neighborhood scale and has won awards for her role in developing a small business incubator and commercial kitchen. While Commissioner, she brought needed infrastructure projects and improvements (water, sewer, road, drainage), economic development, jobs, amenities such as open space and parks, a medical clinic, youth facilities and various services to her district. She also initiated several long-range planning projects.

In her ongoing work as Director of UIC's Great Cities Institute, Córdova and GCI researcher, Matthew D. Wilson, have produced multiple reports on joblessness among teens and young adults in Chicago. The reports have drawn attention to the dramatic numbers of jobless young people in the region, most dramatically, Black men between the ages of 20-24, nearly half of whom are out of school and out of work. The research points to the *chronic and concentrated* nature of joblessness in the context of the flight of industry and opportunity from Chicago's neighborhoods and directly connects areas with high rates of gun violence to areas with entrenched joblessness. Through ongoing research and strategic partnerships, Great Cities Institute continues to address this issue by working on pathways for employment for teens and young adults in areas of manufacturing and small business development with a focus on industrial policy, succession planning, skills development, small business incubators and worker cooperatives.

<https://greatcities.uic.edu/news/youth-employment-research-news/>

Dr. Córdova publishes in the fields of Community Development and Latino Studies. A recent piece (2017), "**Collaborative Community Development Practice: Interfacing with Government to Create a Small Business Incubator**," was published in *The Routledge Handbook of Community Development: Perspectives from Around the Globe*, edited by Rhonda Phillips, et. al. In 2015, her co-authored article (with Moises Gonzales), "**Establishing Principles for Values-Driven Policy**," was published by Policy Press (University of Bristol) in a book titled, *Designing public policy for co-production: Theory, practice and change*, edited by Catherine Durose and Liz Richardson. Her short piece on the **Burnham Plan** was published in Jared Green's *Designed for the Future: 80 Practical Ideas for a Sustainable World* published by Princeton Architecture Press in 2015. Another of her recent articles, "**Community-based Research and Participatory Change: A Strategic, Multi-Method Community Impact Assessment**" was published in the *Journal of Community-Based Practice*, Vol. 19, Number 1, 2011. Older research publications include four on Chicago on topics of affordable housing, gentrification, the incorporation of Latinos in the Chicago economy and the rise of Latinos electoral politics during the era of Harold Washington.

Teresa is a featured speaker at conferences, symposia, and community events locally, nationally and internationally. In 2015, Teresa was honored with the Sor Juana Legacy Award from the National Museum of Mexican Art. Chicago United recently recognized her as an Advocate for Inclusion.