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Born, raised, and rooted in South Texas, Dr. Daniella G. Varela is a proud graduate of the Educational Leadership Doctoral Program at Texas A&M University-Kingsville and holds a Bachelor's degree in Communication and English Writing and Rhetoric, and a Master of Public Administration degree with emphasis in International Relations. She has served the state of Texas for over 18 years with roles at the Texas Education Agency and Office of the Governor before entering higher education 15 years ago dedicating her service to aspiring school teachers and administrators as Certification Coordinator for the Education Preparation Program.

Now a faculty member, her experience and research in education policy, practice, and best-practices are grounded in a commitment to magnify practitioner voice in efforts to continually improve the student experience and elevate the teaching profession. A list of this work and those in collaboration with students can be viewed at <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=XU2-pf0AAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao>

A member of the Texas A&M System Chancellor's Academy of Teacher Educators, Dr. Varela is Coordinator of the Educational Leadership Doctoral Program and teaches leadership theory, statistics, innovations, curriculum leadership, and courses in the [Higher Education Administrative Leadership Transcribed Certificate program](#). She also serves on the university's Graduate Council, Graduate Curriculum Committee, and the Educator Preparation Program Advisory Council. At any chance, Dr. Varela enjoys exploring the great outdoors with her husband and three children.

Courses Taught:

[Educational Leadership \(Ed.D.\)](#)

EDLD 6311: Contemporary Theories of Leadership
EDLD 6303: The Politics of Education
EDLD 6306: Proposal and Dissertation Research
EDLD 6324: Curriculum Leadership
EDLD 6306: Proposal & Dissertation Research
EDLD 6333: Statistical Reasoning
EDLD 6392: Advanced Topics in Statistical Reasoning

[Higher Education Administration and Leadership \(Certificate\)](#)

HEAL 6328: Strategic Enrollment Leadership
HEAL 6336: Teaching and Research in Higher Education
HEAL 6326: Curriculum and Program Planning in Higher Education