

## **CISA Bio - Sandoval**

Chely Sandoval supports academics as an institutional research analyst for the College of International Security Affairs at the National Defense University, Department of Defense. She came to NDU from the University of the District of Columbia, where she served as adjunct faculty. Previously, Ms. Sandoval served as term faculty at the School of Professional and Extended Studies at American University and was the 2016-2017 Grosvenor scholar at National Geographic Society in Washington D.C. Ms. Sandoval is excited to serve as the CISA representative to the newly established Staff Advisory Council. This is a great team and she is committed to getting their voices heard and diverse staff perspectives connected to the other leadership and councils at NDU.

Ms. Sandoval has worked for over 15 years in higher education as student worker, staff and adjunct faculty, which provides her with a unique view on how different groups share in the common cause to promote the mission and vision of universities and colleges in higher education. She served in department- and university-level committees, such as the Sustainability Committee at UCLA Recreation (2005-2008) and the Diversity and Gender Studies Advisory Council at Texas State University (2015-2016). She has served for five years as an active member of the U.S. National Section, Pan American Institute for Geography and History, Organization of American States. These experiences helped shape her own career as a higher education professional and allowed her to participate in governance, policy revisions and recommendations, diversity discussions, and curriculum planning for a diverse student body, including students who identify as first-generation, LGBTQIA, and veterans.

Ms. Sandoval graduated with a master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Texas State University and a bachelor's degree in Spanish and Latin American Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles.