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Dr. Heredia-Griego has over 20 years of experience working with youth, families, leaders, and policymakers to address some of the biggest challenges facing children and families through applied policy research, evaluation, and learning. Her work has been critical to shaping policy and funding strategies in the areas of health, education and employment equity. Prior to co-founding Levado, Meriah was an independent consultant, conducting racial equity focused impact research and managing large-scale impact projects with foundations, government agencies and nonprofits. Dr. Heredia-Griego served as Director and Research Assistant Professor at the University of New Mexico Cradle to Career Policy Institute (CCPI), previously the Center for Education Policy Research (CEPR).

She effectively partnered with key organizations and stakeholders to conduct interdisciplinary, mixed-methods, applied research in the areas of policy, strategic design and program evaluation, including robust needs assessments and landscape mapping in the areas of HomeVisiting Services, Early Childhood Education Programs, Community Schools, My Brother's Keeper, College and Career Readiness, Adult Basic Education and Workforce Training. In addition to her role as CCPI director, she also maintained a research portfolio, which included higher education policy, equity-focused research, qualitative research methods, community based participatory research, action research, Hispanic Serving Institution leadership, and workforce training programs.