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Dr. Busch-Armendariz has more than 20 years of experience working to end interpersonal violence. She is a professor at the School of Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin and is also the associate dean of research and director of the Center for Social Work Research. Noël teaches graduate courses in domestic violence, research, and social policy and an undergraduate course on modern slavery. Noël is the founder and principal investigator of the UT Austin Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (IDVSA), a collaboration of the School of Social Work, the School of Nursing, the School of Law, and the Bureau for Business Research with more than 150 affiliate community organizations. Since joining UT, Dr. Busch-Armendariz has directed research totaling more than \$5.1 million dollars in external funding, for the National Institute of Justice, the Office for Victims of Crime, the Office on Violence Against Women, Office of the Attorney General of Texas, the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, and the Texas Health and Human Services. Her areas of specialization are interpersonal violence, refugees, asylees, victims of human trafficking, and international social work. She is regularly called as an expert witness in criminal, civil, and immigration cases and directs a national training on the topic. She is well published and has been recognized by her colleagues and students with many awards. Noël is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer and a Licensed Social Worker. She is happily married to Larry Armendariz and takes the utmost joy in being Daniel's mother. She is a survivor of sexual assault.