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Victoria grew up in Nicaragua, the daughter of a Nicaraguan man and a white U.S.-American woman. As a child she lived through the last years of the right-wing Somoza dictatorship, the leftist Sandinista revolution of 1979, and the Contra war of the early 1980s. She has a B.A. in History from Oberlin College, an M.A. in History from the University of New Mexico, and a Ph.D. in History from Indiana University. Victoria writes extensively on Nicaraguan history. Her most recent book is Before the Revolution. Women's Rights and Right-Wing Politics in Nicaragua, 1821-1979 (Penn State University Press, 2011). She is an Associate Professor at San Diego State University, where she teaches U.S. and Mexican history and devotes a great deal of time to mentoring first-generation and low-income students. Victoria's children have been at UDA since the school's opening. During her seven years as a UDA parent Victoria has been an advocate for gifted education, advanced Spanish classes for native Spanish speakers, and a curriculum that reflects the vast racial and cultural diversity of our UDA community.