- Former California Senate Majority Leader 1st woman to hold that leadership position in California
- Former Chair of the Senate Education Committee
- Professor Emeritus California State University, LA
- Author of historic Parent Trigger Law
- Author of "Just Not That Likable: the Price All Women Pay for Gender Bias"
- This effort is a turning point in my career where Robert Giordano and I--both active on the national education reform stage--partnered to identify high performing models to replicate, expand in CA