

**Dr. Miriam A. Leiva
Distinguished Professor of Mathematics Emeritus, UNC Charlotte**

Miriam Leiva is Distinguished Professor of Mathematics Emeritus at the University of North Carolina Charlotte, where she is the first professor, woman and Hispanic to be named Bonnie E. Cone Distinguished Professor for Teaching.

She has been an educator in North Carolina for more than 40 years and continues to work with teachers and schools through professional development programs on mathematics teaching and learning. She has championed the teaching of mathematics via programs such as the NC Department of Public Instructions Math Curriculum Project; MATHink; NC Project Excel *MATH* and others. Miriam also served as Director of the Teacher Preparation Program in mathematics and science at the National Science Foundation in Washington DC, a position that made her work impact classroom teachers and their students throughout the country. She also has made hundreds of invited presentations nationally and internationally, has published in journals, and authored over 70 textbooks. Her K-6 textbooks are adopted by most of NC schools.

Dr. Leiva's work to promote mathematics education among Latino/Hispanic students, led her to found of the international organization TODOS: Mathematics for All, whose goal is to promote achievement and equity in mathematics education for all students, in particular Hispanic/Latino students.

She received the Iris Carl National Leadership and Equity Award; the National Leadership Award from National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics; Guilford College Alumni Excellence Award; the W.W. Rankin Award for contributions to NC education; and the UNCC Bank of America Teaching Excellence Award.

She holds a Masters Degree in Mathematics from UNC Chapel Hill and a Doctorate from Union Graduate School. The Mathematics Association of America lists Dr. Leiva as the first immigrant Hispanic woman in the US, with English as a second language, to receive a doctorate in Mathematics or Mathematics Education.

Ms. Leiva is a native of Cuba, from a Cuban father and Puerto Rican mother. She has been married to Fernando Leiva for 45 years and they are the parents of *two* children, Miriam Katie and Fernando Federico; they also have two grandchildren, Alejandro and Sophia.