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She was hired at CSU East Bay in 1994 to teach future teachers in the Teacher Education Department and Special Education classes in the Educational Psychology Department.

In 2005, she became a full professor. Throughout her tenure at CSU East Bay, she has received numerous awards such as Professor of the Year (2001), Advisor of the Year (2007), Si Se Puede! Excellence Award (2013), Outstanding Contributor to Community Engagement (2013) and Latino Heritage Recognition by Senator Wieckowski in (2015). Her strong focus in writing and obtained grants has helped her obtain over 35 million to support numerous students. Dr. Ramirez has presented and taught classes at the local, state, national and international level in several countries such as Greece, Mexico, Philippines, and Spain.

Dr. Ramirez has been the editor of four books. First two books were for teachers Portraits of Teachers in Multicultural Settings: A Critical Literacy Approach and Multicultural Education in Practice: Transforming One Community at a Time. The other two books have been working with parents You are Not Alone: Recipes for Success by Parents for Parents and in Spanish No Estas Solo: Recetas para Obtener Exito de Padres Para Padres.

With the goal of helping all students obtain a quality education, she has founded several programs at CSU East Bay. She was the co-founder of GANAS: Gaining Access aNd Academic Success a program to support students who transfer and now Director of STEP: Sophomore Transition Enrichment Program to increase academic support and retention of sophomores.