



Vanessa Boulanger **Director of Research Programs**

As the Director of Research Programs at the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD), **Vanessa Boulanger oversees the management, growth, and implementation of NORD's** research activities. Prior to joining NORD in the fall of 2017, Vanessa held leadership positions at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in the Center for Community-Based Research, the François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Center for Health and Human Rights, and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, in addition to a faculty position at Regis College. Vanessa brings over 13 years of experience addressing health and social inequalities from a range of health and development perspectives to her role at NORD.

Vanessa firmly believes in the power of research to create meaningful change for individuals and to inform and transform communities and policy responses. As a results-driven leader, strategic thinker, mixed-methods researcher, and educator she has worked on a variety of projects; from researching the measurement of financial well-being and health disparities, to managing a multi-country qualitative and quantitative study documenting the impacts of maternal death in Sub-Saharan Africa, to leading an interdisciplinary research center focused on the relationship between obesity and cancer.

Vanessa was appointed as a member of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Advisory Panel on Rare Diseases. She holds an MSc degree in Global Health and Population from Harvard University and a BA in International Development and Social Change from Clark University.

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