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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Black Life and Racial Justice, Department of Social Welfare

Luskin School of Public Affairs, University of California, Los Angeles

Faculty Associate Director, Million Dollar Hoods Project

Faculty Affiliate, Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies

July 2022 - Present

Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow, Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American

Studies. Institute for American Cultures, University of California, Los Angeles

August 2021 – June 2022

EDUCATION

University of California-Berkeley Graduate School of Education

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Social and Cultural Studies in Education

Education and Social Change Track

August 2021

University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education

Masters of Science in Education (M.S.Ed)

Program Focus – Higher Education

May 2014

California State University, Dominguez Hills

Bachelors of Arts (B.A.) Africana Studies (Cum Laude)

Designed Focus – Race, Education, and Inequality

Minor - Sociology

August 2013

FUNDING AND GRANTS

- UCLA Racial and Social Justice Seed Grant, Institute for American Cultures- **\$30,000** (September 2023-June 2024)
- Center for Race and Gender, University of California, Berkeley – **\$1,000**
- John W. Mack Movement Building Fellowship – Weingart Foundation - **\$25,000**¹
- *Liberty Hill Foundation Boys and Men of Color Coalition Grant: Safety and Youth Justice Survey - **\$150,000** (January -December 2019)
- *Mervyn M. Dymally African American Political and Economic Institute Research Grant – **\$20,000** (August 2017-December 2018)
- Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship for Doctoral Study – University of California-Berkeley **\$140,090** (Fall 2014-Spring 2018)

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES²

Turner III, D.C., Casimir, A.^ Karunwi, E., ^ Miles, K.,^ Jackson, J.^ (2022). When WE See Us: Commentary on Black Adolescent Research by Black Male Youth Activists. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, 32(3), p. 1120-1124 <https://doi.org/10.1111/jora.12788>

¹ The asterisk (*) in front of an item means that the grant or opportunity was acquired in my professional capacity with a community-based organization.

² This + indicates a student author. This sign ^ indicates a community activist author

Serrano, U., Turner III, D. C., Regalado, G., & Banuelos, A. (2022). Towards Community Rooted Research and Praxis: Reflections on the BSS Safety and Youth Justice Project. *Social Sciences, 11(5)*, 195.

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Turner III, D.C. (2020). Mobilizing Blackness: Analyzing 21st Century Black Student Collective Agency in the University. *Berkeley Review of Education, 10(1)* <https://doi.org/10.5070/B810145321>

Turner III, D.C. (2018) #ResistCapitalism in order to #FundBlackFutures: Black Youth, the Political Economy, and the 21st Century Black Radical Imagination. *Abolition: A Journal of Insurgent Politics (1)1*, p. 217-228

Turner III, D. C. (2015). How Black Students are Saving Higher Education. *Journal of Critical Scholarship on Higher Education and Student Affairs, 2(3)*, 2.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Turner III, D.C., Serrano, U., Blume Oeur, F. (2022). ‘Everyone Gets the Same 24 Hours a Day’: An Intersectional Approach to Understanding the Time and Life Lost for Black Men and Boys. In *Getting Real About Inequality: Intersections IRL (In Real Life)* (Sage Publications), edited by Cherise Harris and Stephanie McClure

Turner III, D.C. (2020). Making the World Go Dark: Youth Organizing in the Afterlife of Slavery. In *The Future is Black: Afro-Pessimism, Fugitivity, and Radical Hope in Education*. Carl Grant, Ashley Woodson, and Michael Dumas, (eds) Routledge. pp. 107-116

ACADEMIC WORKS IN PROGRESS

Turner III, D.C. (Under Review). “Doing the Dirty Work” - Examining Youth Organizing and Black Transformative Agency with Black Male Youth Activists in Los Angeles. *American Educational Research Journal*

Turner III, D.C. (with Gabriel Regalado – First Author) (Under Review). The Marathon Continues - Reflections on the Radical Perpetuity of Black Youth and Student Insurgency in the Era of Black Lives Matter. *The Black Lives Matter Syllabus: Key Writings from the Movement for Black Lives*. University of California Press

Turner III, D.C. (With Naomi Mae Wilson – First Author) (Revise & Resubmit) “Our Streets (Too)”: Graduate School and the Role of Activist Scholarship in Community-Based Research and Praxis. *Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning*

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Turner III, D.C. (2020). The Time is Now to Trust, Listen, and Follow Black Youth and Youth of Color.

#HereToLead – A Storytelling Initiative for the California Funders for Boys and Men of Color.

<https://heretoleadca.org/project/the-time-is-now-to-trust-listen-and-follow-black-youth-and-youth-of-color/>

Turner III, D.C. (2014). Why I Didn’t “Make it Out” the Hood. *Praxis Center*. Arcus Center for Social Justice Leadership. <http://www.kzoo.edu/praxis/why-i-didnt-make-it-out-the-hood/>

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Ford Foundation Dissertation Award Honorable Mention (2021-2022)
- Black Excellence Award – CSU Dominguez Hills Rose Black Resource Center (Spring 2019)
- Outstanding Graduate Student Supporter – African American Student Development Office UC Berkeley (Spring 2016)
- Outstanding Student Award – CSU Dominguez Hills 3rd Annual Presidential Award (Spring 2013)
- Horace Mann Bond & Zora Neal Hurston Award for Scholarly Achievement in Africana Studies (Spring 2013)
- Douglass-Bethune Graduation Celebration Award for Academic Excellence (Spring 2013)
- CSU Dominguez Hills College of Arts and Humanities Dean’s List (Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013)

MEDIA FEATURES AND PUBLIC IMPACT

The People’s Budget on “Inside the Issues” with Alex Cohen. Spectrum 1 News Aired 5/15/2023

<https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-west/inside-the-issues/2023/05/15/california-faces--31-5-billion-budget-deficit#>

LA Coalition Report Urges Alternative Solutions to School Police on LAUSD Campuses (February 1st, 2023) San

Fernando Valley Sun Times <https://sanferandosun.com/2023/02/01/la-coalition-report-urges-alternative-solutions-to-school-police-on-laUSD-campuses/>

Stop attacking activists — political change at City Hall wouldn’t exist without them (December 16th, 2022) *Los*

Angeles Times <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-12-16/la-city-hall-political-shakeup-was-spurred-by-confrontation>

Wake Up, Democrats. Don’t Let Republicans Own the Issue of Violent Crime (November 7th, 2022). *Los Angeles*

Times <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-11-07/violent-crime-issue-midterm-elections-politics-republicans>

City Rising – Youth and Democracy. *PBS Southern California*. Aired 10/20/2020

<https://www.pbssocal.org/programs/city-rising/city-rising-youth-democracy-xkjb5/>

Reflections on Race: A Closer Look at Racial and Social Equity. Aired 7/7/2020

<https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-west/human-interest/2020/07/29/reflections-on-race--a-closer-look-at-racial-and-social-equity>

Denkmann, Libby (June 15th, 2020). At City Hall, Organizers Behind The 'People's Budget' Present Plan To Defund

LAPD. *LAist*. <https://laist.com/2020/06/15/peoples-budget-black-lives-matter-la-meets-city-council-melina-abdullah-nury-martinez.php>

Ellin, Abby (February 1st, 2016). Meet the New Student Activists. *New York Times*.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/07/education/edlife/the-new-student-activists.html>

Simon, Mashaun (December 2nd, 2015). #StudentBlackOut: Second Day of Campus Action Planned.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/studentblackout-second-day-campus-actions-scheduled-n473091>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Title	Institution and Academic Term
Social Welfare 290T – Juvenile Justice Policy	University of California, Los Angeles • Spring Quarter 2023
Public Affairs 112 – Social Movements	University of California, Los Angeles • Spring Quarter 2023
Africana Studies 310 – African American Experience	California State University, Dominguez Hills • Fall 2018 • Fall 2019 • Spring 2020 • Fall 2020
Africana Studies 212 – Introduction to Comparative Ethnic Relations	California State University, Dominguez Hills • Fall 2018 • Fall 2019 • Spring 2020
Africana Studies 205 – Introduction to Hip Hop	California State University, Dominguez Hills • Fall 2016

PRESENTATIONS, PANELS, AND LECTURES

*Invited Panelist**How We Get Free: Doing the Work*

Ten Year Anniversary of Black Lives Matter, Los Angeles, CA

July 2023*Our Collective Power: A Workshop on Coalition Management*

Indigenous Education Now Coalition, Los Angeles, CA

June 2023*Reimagining Youth Development – The Promise of a Social Justice Approach*

United Friends of the Children, Los Angeles, CA

June 2023*Defund as a Means to Abolish: Notes from the Movement to Reimagine Safety*

Innecity Struggle, Los Angeles, CA

June 2023*Getting Into Good Trouble*

Keynote Graduation Speech, Los Angeles County Office of Education

June 2023*Our Collective Power: A Workshop on Coalition Management*

Detroit People's Platform, Detroit, MI

May 2023*The People's Budget Presentation to the Mayor of Los Angeles*

Center for Black Power, Los Angeles, CA

April 2023*We Keep Us Safe: Notes from the Abolitionist Movement for School And Community Safety*

Keynote Speech, Western Justice Center Peer Mediation Invitational	February 2023
<i>Racial Justice and Healing: Organizing as a Healing Modality</i> Black Thriving Symposium, California Polytechnic University, Pomona	December 2022
<i>Reigniting the Black Campus: Reimagining Student Power in the 21st Century</i> Black Consciousness Conference, California State University, Long Beach	November 2022
<i>Building and Maintaining Effective Coalitions</i> Center for Community Organizing, Los Angeles, CA	August 2022
<i>Invited Panelist</i> <i>Police-Free Schools: Sociological Research and Antiracist Movements</i> American Sociological Association, Los Angeles CA	August 2022
<i>From Plantations to Prisons: Facilitating Abolition from Enslavement to the Carceral State</i> Keynote Address, Unurbanist Assembly	June 2022
<i>Getting Into Good Trouble, Achieving Justice as a Love Language</i> Keynote Address, CSU Dominguez Hills Male Success Alliance	May 2022
<i>Invited Panelist (Presidential Session)</i> <i>Community Within: Activism and Community-based Research as a Way of Life</i> American Educational Research Association, San Diego CA	April 2022
<i>When WE See Us: Commentary on Black youth Research by Black Male Youth Organizers</i> Society for Research on Adolescence, New Orleans, LA	March 2022
<i>The (Good) Trouble with Black Boys – Race, Gender, and Reimagining Youth Power In the Carceral State</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of California, Santa Cruz Politics Department • Society for Research on Adolescence, New Orleans, LA • University of California Los Angeles Chicano Studies Research Center • University of California Los Angeles Institute for American Cultures • International Summer University for Social Work, UCLA • American Educational Research Association, Chicago, IL • University of California Los Angeles Institute for American Cultures 	November 2021 March 2022 April 2022 July 2022 July 2022 April 2023 June 2023
<i>The People’s Plan – Using Community-Based Research for Social Change And to Facilitate Healing</i> Virtual 2 nd Annual Unurbanist Assembly, Keynote Address	June 2021
<i>Pedagog(ies) of the Oppressed: Black Male Youth, Community Organizing, And Racializing Pedagogies of Resistance in Carceral Los Angeles</i> American Educational Research Association Virtual Conference, 2021	April 2021
<i>Invited Panelist</i> <i>Troubling Learning Loss: Leveraging Community and Reimagining Possibilities</i> American Educational Research Association Virtual Conference, 2021	April 2021

- Invited Guest Speaker -Mindfulness Minutes*
LAUSD School Board Member Monica Garcia's Office (2nd District)
Los Angeles, California **February 2021**
- Justice is a Love Language – Notes from the Movement*
Keynote Address, CSJ Center for Reconciliation and Justice,
Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California **February 2021**
- (Co-Presenter with Uriel Serrano, Ph.D. Candidate) "It Is Our Duty to Win" - A Youth Organizing Approach to Systems Change and Improving Health Outcomes for Boys and Men of Color in Los Angeles County*
American Public Health Association Virtual Conference 2020 **September 2020**
- Invited Panelist – From Protest to Power: Building Black Power To Achieve Racial Justice and Equity*
Liberty Hill Foundation Virtual Discussion **July 2020**
- Invited Panelist – Youth Development in Los Angeles County*
Los Angeles County Youth Development Summit 2019, Los Angeles, CA **July 2019**
- (Co-Presenter with Kevin L. Clay, Ph.D.) Maybe You Should Try it this Way Instead – Youth Activism Amid Managerialist Subterfuge*
Critical Race Studies in Education Association, Los Angeles, CA **May 2019**
- (Co-Presenter with Kevin L. Clay, Ph.D.) Maybe You Should Try it this Way Instead – Youth Activism Amid Managerialist Subterfuge*
American Educational Research Association, Toronto, Canada **April 2019**
- Taking Care of Home – The Importance of Black Education*
Keynote Address, Student African American Brotherhood, CSU San Bernardino **February 2019**
- Invited Panelist – Investing in Boys and Young Men of Color*
Liberty Hill Foundation, California Funders for Boy and Men of Color
Los Angeles, CA **January 2019**
- Black Organizing for Social Change*
Keynote Address, Black Student Union at CSU Long Beach, Long Beach CA **December 2018**
- Mobilizing Blackness: Analyzing 21st Century Black Student Collective Agency in the Neoliberal University*
American Educational Research Association, New York City, NY **April 2018**
- Co-Keynote (with Salih Muhammad) Anti-Blackness and the Legislative Process
University of California Student Association Student Lobby Conference
Sacramento, CA **March 2018**
- Investing In Black Youth – Keynote Address*
Natural-WE Community Hair Show, Compton, CA **March 2018**
- Intervening in the "Crisis" – A Critical Analysis of Interventions for Black Male Youth 1960s - Present*
42nd Annual National Council of Black Studies, National Conference, Atlanta, GA **March 2018**

- RE-IGNITE – Reinvest in Graduations, Not Incarceration, Transforming Education Panel*
Student Organizing Summit, Pomona CA **August, 2017**
- Co-Facilitator (with D'Artagnan Scorza, PhD) Advancing Educational Equity In the Inland Empire*
College Futures Foundation Regional Convening, Riverside, CA **June, 2017**
- Co-Facilitator (with D'Artagnan Scorza, PhD) LA Mayor's Youth Council Police Dialogue*
City Hall of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA **April, 2017**
- Innovations in Criminal Justice, Policing, and Public Health*
University of Southern California, Price School for Public Policy, Los Angeles, CA **October 2016**
- Dismantling the School to Prison Pipeline in Los Angeles*
University of Southern California, ED Month Roundtable, Los Angeles, CA **September 2016**
- TEDx Talk: Believing in Youth Agency*
Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton, CA **September 2016**
- Structure, Agency, and the Sticky Problem of Black Students: Examining the #StudentBlackOut Movement, Agency, and Reproduction at the Neoliberal University*
Critical Race Studies in Education Association 10th Annual Conference, Denver, CO **June 2016**
- How Student Activism Gets Managed, Leveraged, and Co-opted.*
National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE), San Francisco, CA **June 2016**
- From Research to Politics: How to Use Action Research to Fuel an Organizing and Legislative Agenda.*
Student Lobby Conference. University of California Student Association. Sacramento, CA **April 2016**
- From Watts to the #BlackLivesMatter Movement: Get Involved. Learning How to be a Participant.*
Fire and the Question for Transformation: 50th Anniversary of the Watts Rebellion Commemoration, CSU Dominguez Hills, Carson CA **October 2015**
- (Re) Education of the Negro: Developing Political Education Programs for Black Communities*
1st Annual Movement for Black Lives National Convening, Cleveland, OH **July 2015**
- A Chance to Heal: Differential Racialization and Healing Racial Trauma with Black and Latino Male Youth – A Case Study of a Community Based Organization*
39TH Annual National Council of Black Studies, National Conference, Los Angeles, CA. **March 2015**
- All For Freedom: A Gramscian Analysis of African American Education for Liberation – Counter-Hegemonic Pedagogical Techniques*
39TH Annual National Council of Black Studies, National Conference, Los Angeles, CA. **March 2015**
- #BlackLivesMatter and #Ferguson2Cal: A Herstory of the Black Lives Matter Movement*
9th Annual Social Justice Symposium, UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare

- First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, Berkeley CA **February 2015**
- Bridging the Gap Between Philadelphia and Education* (Invited Panelist)
4th Annual Raymond Pace Alexander Conference, Society for Pre-Law Students of Color
University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia PA **March 2014**
- Praxis, Power, and People: Black Student Activism in the 21st Century* (Session Chair)
38TH Annual National Council of Black Studies, National Conference, Miami FL **March 2014**
- Black Students and Civic Engagement: Why Serving the Community Matters*
38TH Annual National Council of Black Studies, National Conference, Miami FL **March 2014**
- Alumni Speaker – College Summit Inc. (Invited Speaker)
Smart Shoppers: The End of the College for All Debate
National Press Club, Washington D.C. **November 2013**
- They Think They Actually Helping Us: A study of Masculinity and Student-Teacher Relationships with Black Males at an Urban High School*
8th Annual Student Research Day Competition, CSU Dominguez Hills, Carson CA
• **2nd Place – Behavior and Social Sciences Morning Session III** **February 2013**
- Trends of State Financial Aid and Community Colleges in Texas: A Comparison of Need-Based and Merit-Based Aid*
10th Annual Vanderbilt Summer Science Academy Research Symposium,
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee **August 2012**
- Minority Students, Financial Aid, and the Finish Line: College Access and Completion in Texas*
20th Annual Leadership Alliance National Symposium, Hartford, CN **July 2012**
- Investigating Hypermasculinity and Victimization at an Urban High School – A Participatory Action Perspective*
36TH Annual National Council of Black Studies, National Conference, Atlanta, Georgia **March 2012**
- “You Gotta Catch It Early!” Single Gender Classrooms and the (re) Evaluation of Gender Roles and Patriarchy: A Man’s Black Feminist Analysis*
36TH Annual National Council of Black Studies, National Conference, Atlanta, Georgia **March 2012**
- “Do They Really Care About Us”: Investigating Hypermasculinity and Victimization with Black Male Student-Teacher Relationships at an Urban High School- Phase one of A Critical Race Study*
7th annual Student Research Day Competition, CSU Dominguez Hills, Carson CA
• **2nd Place – Behavior and Social Sciences Afternoon Session** **February 2012**
- “How I Got This Far” Student Panel on Collegiate Challenges and Success for Males of Color*
Male Success Alliance Fall 2011 Convocation, CSU Dominguez Hills, Carson CA **September 2011**
- The Pursuit of Higher Education in African American Males: Case Study of Inglewood Unified School District Graduates*
35th Annual National Council of Black Studies, National Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio **March 2011**

The Pursuit of Higher Education in African American Males: The need for study
6th annual Student Research Day Competition, CSU Dominguez Hills, Carson CA

February 2011

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Innercity Struggle

Manager – Brothers, Sons, Selves Coalition

September 2018 – April 2022

Social Justice Learning Institute

Educational Equity Programs Manager

July 2016- August 2018

Social Justice Learning Institute

Educational Equity Program Coordinator

February 2012- July 2013

Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program

California State University, Dominguez Hills

Ronald E. McNair Scholar

November 2011-May 2013

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Journal of Black Studies

Educational Researcher

Equity and Excellence in Education

Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

UCLA Department of Social Welfare MSW Admissions Committee

UC President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Application Reviewer

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Spencer Foundation Racial Equity Grant Reviewer (Served 2023)

City of Los Angeles Youth Development Taskforce Vice Chair – Public Safety Appointee

Los Angeles Black Worker's Center Board of Directors (Governance Committee Co-Chair)

Community Grant Reviewer – Roy and Patricia Disney Family Foundation (Served 2022)

Proposal Review Board – California Community Foundation (Served 2019)

Data Fellow – Alliance for Boys and Men of Color through PolicyLink

Community Funding Board – Liberty Hill Foundation (Served 2018, 2021)

REFERENCES

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