

Dr. Jerome Rucker – Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Summary

Jerome Rucker Ed.D. is a seasoned educational leader and scholar with a demonstrated commitment to equity, restorative justice, and student-centered leadership. He currently serves as an adjunct professor at the USC Rossier Masters in School Counseling Program (MPO) where he mentors graduate students in research and educational leadership. With over two decades of K-12 experience—including roles as principal, assistant principal, athletic director, and special education teacher—Dr. Rucker has built a legacy of fostering inclusive, data-driven, and culturally responsive school communities.

Academic Appointments

Adjunct Professor, USC Rossier School of Education – Los Angeles, CA (August 2022 – Present)

Lead Counselor: USC Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society

Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins University – Baltimore, MD (August 2020 – 2022)

Education

Ed.D. Educational Leadership, University of Southern California – 2022

M.A. Special Education, National University – La Jolla, CA

B.S. Special Education, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Level II Administrative Clear Credential, University of California, Irvine

Certifications and Credentials

Administrative Services Credential – Clear (Level II)

Education Specialist Credential (Mild/Moderate) – Clear

ACSA Administrator Academy Graduate

Professional Experience

Principal, Alta Loma High School – CJUHSD, CA (July 2025 – Present)

Assistant Principal, Los Osos High School – CJUHSD, CA (2021 – July 2025)

Assistant Principal, Victor Valley High School – VVUHSD, CA (July 2020 – July 2021)

Dean of Students, Wiltsey Middle School – OMSD, CA (2019 – July 2020)

Activities Dir., Carter High School – Rialto USD, CA (2016 – June 2019)

Assistant Principal/ Athletic Dir./ Activities Dir., Garey High School – Pomona, CA (2010 – 2016)

Special Education Teacher, Garey High School – Pomona USD, CA (2001 – 2010)

Research Interests

- Educational Equity and Access
- Restorative Justice in K-12 Education
- Leadership in Urban and Diverse School Settings
- Research Methodology in Education
- Special Education and Inclusive Practices

Publications & Media

Author: “Get That Doctorate”; “Lions, Lambs, & Leadership”, “In Search of the Black Superintendent”

Podcast Host: The Educational Truth Podcast

Founder and Editor-in-Chief: IE Preps Magazine

Conferences & Presentations

USC Research Conference (2025) – Presenter

Founder: Annual Educational Truth Conference

Awards & Recognition

USC Rossier Dean’s Superintendent Advisory Group Award – 2020

Selected for USC Rossier Restorative Justice Cohort

Outstanding Educational Leader Award by the Pomona Valley Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta

Professional Service

- Development of Sister School Partnership in China
- Motivational Speaker
- Professional Development in Student Leadership