

## **Tyrone C. Howard, Ph.D.**

Dr. Tyrone C. Howard is a professor in the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at UCLA. Dr. Howard is also the inaugural director of the new UCLA Pritzker Center for Strengthening Children and Families, a campus wide consortium examining academic, mental health, and social emotional experiences and challenges for California's most vulnerable youth populations. He is also the former Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion. Professor Howard's research examines culture, race, teaching and learning. Professor Howard has published over 75 peer reviewed journal articles, book chapters, and technical reports. He has published several bestselling books, among them, *Why Race & Culture Matters in Schools* and *Black Male(d): Peril and Promise in the Education of African American Males*. His most recent book, *Expanding College Access for Urban Youth* (Teachers College Press, 2016) documents ways schools and colleges can create higher education opportunities for youth of color. Dr. Howard is also the Director and Founder of the Black Male Institute at UCLA, an interdisciplinary cadre of scholars, practitioners, community members, and policy makers dedicated to examining the nexus of race, class, and gender of school age youth. A native and former classroom teacher of Compton, California, Dr. Howard was named the recipient of the 2015 UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award, which is the highest honor provided to teaching excellence at the university. In 2016, Dr. Howard was listed by *Education Week* as one of the 50 most influential scholars in the nation informing educational policy, practice and reform.