The Metropolitan Center for Research on Equity and the Transformation of Schools (Metro Center) welcomes its third Director: Dr. David E. Kirkland.

Dr. Kirkland is Associate Professor of English and Urban Education in the Department of Teaching and Learning at New York University in the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development. Prior to accepting this appointment, Dr. Kirkland served as inaugural director for The Center for Applied and Inclusive Teaching and Learning in Arts and Humanities (CAITLAH) in the College of Arts and Letters at Michigan State University.

Dr. Kirkland received his Ph.D. in Language, Literacy, and Urban Education from Michigan State University and a J.D from the University of Michigan Law School.

For close to a decade before earning his doctorate, Dr. Kirkland worked as a teacher and as an administrator in schools throughout Southeast and Mid-Michigan. In 2000, he was nominated by his students for a National Teacher of the Year Award.

For the last decade, Dr. Kirkland has continued his work in education as a researcher and scholar. His scholarship, in particular, has been rooted in equity, exploring a range of issues from youth culture, language and literacy to urban teacher preparation and urban school improvement. With a wealth of research expertise, he joins the Metro Center as an ethnographer, critical discourse analysis, literary/cultural critical, and statistician.


A prolific writer and gifted presenter, Dr. Kirkland has published more than 70 articles, books and book chapters; and has delivered over 100 presentations nationally and internationally about what it takes to transform schools and give all students, regardless of who they are and where they come from, a quality education.

Included among his list of grants are several foundation awards. These include, among others, gifts from the Teagle Foundation, Spencer Foundation, and the Ford Foundation.

Dr. Kirkland has served in many leadership positions for both national and international organizations. He is also member of several editorial boards and sits on the school board for The South Bronx Early Collegiate Academy.

Learn more about Dr. Kirkland and his work by visiting the following links:

- [http://elementsofoppression.blogspot.com/2015/02/david-e-kirkland.html](http://elementsofoppression.blogspot.com/2015/02/david-e-kirkland.html)

Also, follow him on Twitter @davidekirkland.