

# **Terence Fitzgerald**

**Clinical Associate Professor of Social Work Dept. of Children Youth and Families at USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work**

Los Angeles, CA, US

Clinical Associate Professor focused on policy, family and children, social inequality, and institutional racism.

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## **Description**

TERENCE FITZGERALD JR. is a clinical associate professor of social work.

Fitzgerald grew up in Champaign, Illinois, where he graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts, master's degrees in both school social work and educational leadership, and a doctorate in education policy studies.

For 12 years, Fitzgerald worked at the elementary, middle and high school levels as a school social worker in racially and economically diverse settings in Illinois. He has also worked with social justice grassroots organizations that focus on marginalized children and families. In addition, he has professional experience aligning curriculum of Midwest school districts for the purpose of meeting state and federal requirements. He has utilized his program and curriculum evaluation talents to enable public schools in Illinois to make financial, efficient, ethical, and racially just program and curriculum changes.

Recent examples of his research on racism and sexism can be seen in *White Prescriptions?: The Dangerous Social Potential for Ritalin and other Psychotropic Drugs to Harm Black Males* (Paradigm Publishing, 2010) and his most recent book, *Black Males and Racism: Improving the Schooling and Life Chances of African Americans* (Routledge Publishing, 2015).

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## **Availability**

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Workshop, Host/MC, Author Appearance, Corporate Training

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## **Industry Expertise**

Public Policy, Mental Health Care, Education/Learning, Health and Wellness

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## **Topics**

Racism related to Public School & Higher Education, Reproduction of Racism, Male Gender Issues , Social Development and Policy, Social Work Education, Social Work, Children and Families, Schools, Race, Class Issues , Black Male Media Imagery, Institutional Oppression

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## **Affiliations**

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## **Sample Talks**

## **Ensure healthy development for all youth**

Behavioral health problems in childhood and adolescence take a heavy toll over a lifetime, with significant impacts on rates of economic independence, morbidity, and mortality. A large body of scientific evidence over 30 years shows that behavioral health problems can be prevented.

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## **Education**

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**  
Ph.D. Education

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**  
ME.d. Administration and Leadership

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**  
M.S.W.

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**  
B.S.

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## **Accomplishments**

**USC Professor of Color Award**  
2014

Professors of Color is a recognition program by APASA and Academic Culture Assembly (ACA) to recognize faculty and staff members of color that have gone above and beyond both inside and outside of the classroom. Each nominated and awarded professor inspires, encourages, supports, guides and ultimately, transforms numerous students.

See: <http://www.uscapasa.com/professors-of-color-2>

**Keynote Speaker: USC School of Social Work, SDAC**

Voted by students to give the keynote address at the SDAC graduating dinner in May of 2014.

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