

Dr. William Franklin holds a Ph.D. in Psychological Studies in Education with an emphasis in Child and Adolescent Development from Stanford University. Dr. Franklin currently serves as Director of the Educational Opportunity Program and TRIO Programs at CSU Dominguez Hills. He is the former Senior Director of College Access at the Fulfillment Fund. He was formerly a Core Faculty member at Pacific Oaks College in the Department of Human Development and still serves as a Senior Adjunct in the division. He was also formerly an Associate Professor in Child and Family Studies at California State University, Los Angeles.

Dr. Franklin was the recipient of the NIMH Family Research Consortium III Post-Doctoral Fellowship. He also served as a Research Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania, where he worked directly with C.H.A.N.G.E.S. - Center for Health, Achievement, Neighborhood Growth and Ethnic Studies. Although unusually long, the name and its acronym represent the essential components in the life course of urban youth. Through a series of longitudinal studies, the Center sought to enhance the understanding of the predictors of resiliency, competence, and maximized educational outcomes for low-income urban youth.

He served as an Associate Professor of Human Development in the Center of Collaborative Education and Professional Studies at California State University, Monterey Bay. While there, he was the Interim Director of the Liberal Studies Institute. He has also served as a lecturer at Santa Clara University and has held a part-time instructor position at Stanford University.

Dr. Franklin's research focuses on risk and resilience in young African-American and Latino adolescents. He specifically examines individual variations in response to risk factors and the antecedents and correlates of healthy outcomes in individuals whose "lifespace" in low-income, urban environments pose heightened risks. For his work in this area, he was the recipient of the Spencer Dissertation Fellowship. Dr. Franklin continues to do research on risk and resilience factors in youth of color by examining family, school, and community factors. He is involved with a number of initiatives targeted at increasing college admissions among youth in underserved/low-performing high schools in Los Angeles. Dr. Franklin is also exploring how young African-

American and Latino boys end up committing violent crimes by giving them a platform to find their voice – *behind the wall*.

Dr. Franklin received his B.A. in Psychology and his Masters in Educational Psychology from CSU Northridge. His teaching interests include adolescent development, child development, African-American family, early childhood themes and life cycle issues, adolescent risk and resilience, at-risk youth, juvenile justice, and positive youth development.

Dr. Franklin is often called on by community-based organizations, churches, schools, juvenile justice facilities and universities to give motivational talks and/or conduct workshops to encourage, inspire, confront, challenge and to move youth to a higher level.