

# **Christopher J. Cormier**

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## **Biography**

Dr. Christopher J. Cormier is a former special education teacher and an Associate Professor of teaching and learning in the School of Education at Loyola Marymount University. He has taught first through 12th in Title 1 schools in the Greater Los Angeles Metropolitan area. His research program focuses on the social and cultural contexts of minoritized learners and teachers in special education. Under this overarching theme, he has two lines of scholarship. The first is on the professional and socio-emotional lives of minoritized teachers. The second is on culturally informed identification of minoritized students in special education. Dr. Cormier brings a comparative lens to both of his research lines with studies in national and international contexts. He has served as the President of the Division for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Exceptional Learners (DDEL) of the Council for Exceptional Children and was a Director-at-Large for Kappa Delta Pi Incorporated. Current research projects include the following: ?Special education teacher burnout, stress, and mental health and how it changes over the school year. ?Understanding the protective nature of Afrocentric schools in the United States and Canada and its impact on Black students with disabilities.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Research, Public Policy

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Education Policy, Equity in Education, History of Education, International and Comparative Education, Psychology , Race and Ethnicity, Sociology, Special Education, Teachers and Teaching

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## **Affiliations**

Council for Exceptional Children, American Educational Research Association, British Educational Research Association, Toastmasters International, Kappa Delta Pi Incorporated

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## **Education**

**Stanford University**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**

PhD Special Education

**Pepperdine University**  
MAEd w/emphasis in Psychology

**Fuller Theological Seminary**  
MAT Theology

**Fisk University**  
BS Special Education

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