

Dr. M. Christopher Brown II – Scholarly Bio

M. Christopher Brown II currently serves as president and chief executive officer of Nevada Partners, Incorporated – a community-based, nonprofit agency celebrating its 30th anniversary that develops effective solutions to systemic social challenges and enabling citizens to achieve their full potential through education and other wraparound services.

Regarded as an international scholar in the areas of education policy, governance/administration, and institutional contexts, Dr. Brown has lectured and/or presented over 400 keynotes and research papers in various countries on six of seven continents. He is the author/editor of 20 books and monographs, including two editions of the bestselling textbook, Organization and Governance in Higher Education – and over 100 journal articles, book chapters, and publications related to education and society. His articles have appeared in the *American Behavioral Scientist*, *Peabody Journal of Education*, *Higher Education Policy*, *Review of Higher Education*, the *Journal of Higher Education*, and *Higher Education in Europe*.

Dr. Brown's research has been funded by the Lumina Foundation, Spencer Foundation, AT&T Foundation, the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Sallie Mae Fund, as well as other foundations and corporations. He currently edits book series for both Peter Lang and Information Age Publishing; and has served as a member of the *American Journal of Education*, *Journal of General Education*, *Journal of Teacher Education*, *Review of Higher Education*, and the *Journal of Education and Urban Society* editorial boards.

Dr. Brown was the inaugural director of social justice and professional development for AERA. He managed the AERA-IES scholars program and founded the AERA-AIR and the AERA-ETS scholars programs. Dr. Brown was the chair-designate of the Government Relations Committee, a member of the Minority Fellowship and Division J committees, and served as the Vice Program Chair for Division J for three consecutive years. On two occasions, he served as a member of the Division J Graduate Student Seminar committee and has been a presenter, chair, and proposal reviewer within Divisions A, F, G, J, L, and the Critical Examination of Race, Class, & Gender and the Research Focus on Black Education special interest groups. In 2022, Dr. Brown delivered the RFBE-Dubois Lecture titled, "*May the Work I've Done Speak for Me: On Emic Approaches to Race and Relevance in Education Research*".

A two time recipient of the Philip C. Chinn Book Award from the National Association for Multicultural Education, Dr. Brown also received the 2008 Association of Teacher Educators Distinguished Educator Award, the 2013 Association of Public and Land-grant Universities Commission on Access, Diversity, and Excellence Award. He also received the 2001 Association for the Study of Higher Education's Promising Scholar/Early Career Award and the 2002 AERA Committee on Scholars of Color Early Career Contribution Award.

Dr. Brown held faculty appointments at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and The Pennsylvania State University where he earned tenure. At the university level, Dr. Brown served as Dean of the College of Education at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, Executive Vice President and Provost of the historic Fisk University, President of Alcorn State University (the nation's first historically black land-grant campus), the inaugural Executive Vice President and Provost of the Southern University and A & M College System in Louisiana, and then President of Kentucky State University and Founder of the Atwood Institute on Race, Education, and the Democratic Ideal.

In the nonprofit sector, Dr. Brown also held several executive appointments – Executive Director of the Frederick D. Patterson Research Institute of the United Negro College Fund, Director of Professional Development at the American Educational Research Association, and Vice President at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Dr. Brown received the Bachelor of Science in elementary education from South Carolina State University, the Master of Science in educational policy and evaluation from the University of Kentucky, and a Doctor of Philosophy in higher education from The Pennsylvania State University with a cognate in public administration and political science.