

Kendrick Davis Bio



Dr. Davis is an expert on the experiences and educational outcomes of students of color in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Kendrick is an associate professor at the University of Southern California and chief research officer at the USC Race and Equity Center. He teaches in both the education and public policy schools and manages a range of research, evaluation and consulting contracts. Before joining the center, Kendrick served as Vice President of Research at the Campaign for College Opportunity, a statewide policy advocacy organization working for more equitable outcomes in California higher education.

Kendrick co-leads the educational research team for the Illinois Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (ILSAMP), an NSF-funded program to broaden the participation of people of color in STEM. He serves as a professional expert with the Micro-Nano Tech Education Center (MNT-EC) - an NSF ATE program - at Pasadena City College helping to lead equity, outreach, and undergraduate research.

Before that, he was an education policy advisor to then-Senator Kamala Harris and an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Congressional Science and Engineering Fellow in Washington, D.C. In that role, he crafted legislative proposals in the areas of student debt, workforce preparedness, opportunity youth, K-12 school discipline inequities, and STEM education and investment. Prior to pursuing his Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania, Kendrick spent four years as director of STEM Initiatives for two Philadelphia mayors where he designed and implemented a strategic multi-industry STEM plan for the sixth-largest city in the country. During that time, he branched into international education reform serving as a STEM expert for a USAID-funded project to design and develop STEM schools in Egypt.

Kendrick serves on the boards of the National Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP) and the Philadelphia Robotics Coalition - both organizations aim to improved education outcomes for priority populations.

Kendrick has graduate degrees in law and robotics from the University of Pennsylvania. His bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering is from Temple University.