

PROFESSOR LYRICAL

EMCEE & BATTLE CHAMPION • AWARD WINNING LYRICIST • ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR • AUTHOR



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Dr. Peter Michael Plourde (PKA "Professor Lyrical") is an artist and educator known for using the positive aspects of Hip Hop culture to empower citizens to self-advocate for socioeconomic change. A master craftsman lyricist, he has consistently published rap records in heavy rotation on both college and mix show formats—for two different groups (Invasion and X-Caliber) and as an award winning solo artist (Lyrical and/or Professor Lyrical) [amassing scores of rap battle victories](#) along the way. In the classroom, he has achieved similar distinction having taught over 100 courses in mathematics and music across a wide array of higher education institutions; two full-time and ten as an adjunct.

Dr. Plourde is an Associate Professor and Director of Faculty Development at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC). Formerly an [Assistant Teaching Professor of Mathematics at Northeastern University within the Foundation Year program](#), Plourde taught for seven years in the program and also served as the sole instructor of Math Methods for the NU Graduate School of Education—where he also earned his doctorate. He has been featured in numerous [articles](#), [feature stories](#), and [local](#) and [national programing](#), including an episode of Animal Planet, an extensive feature in the [Chronical of Higher Education](#), and even as “Lyrical” on the Wheel of Fortune with his wife, Nicole Jones, who also sings.

[Lyrical often evokes](#) the power of Hip Hop culture in many of his own lessons and as a cultural backdrop for his courses. His 2016 dissertation entitled “Increasing STEM degree attainment for underrepresented populations” examines the role Hip Hop potentially may play for other STEM and STEAM educators and the impact it has upon the students' ability to persist and attain STEM based credentials.

Professor Lyrical created an "albook," described as the world's first album and book combination. The album is entitled **Put Em All To Shame** while the book is similarly entitled [Put Em All To Shame \(The Curriculum\)](#). Sections of the albook form the basis of his curriculum and his first Ted^x Talk "[The Transformative Power of Hip Hop Culture](#)" and many other talks he regularly gives at colleges and other institutions. His most recent breakout single, **House of Lies**, is a masterful double story appearing to document a modern break-up with a surprise twist ending that listeners must hear at least twice to fully appreciate. The single is stream available now with a video release of August 17, 2020.



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