

# PROFESSOR LYRICAL

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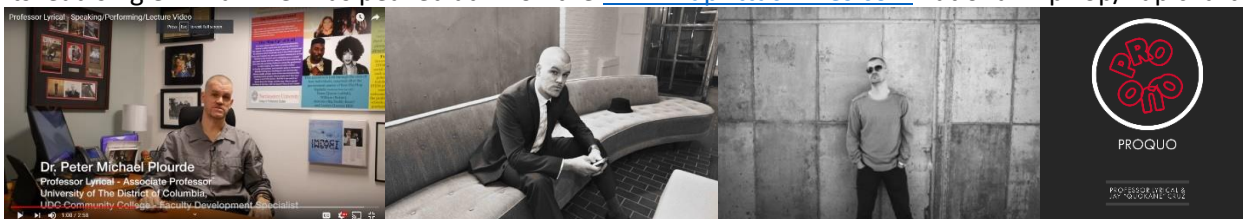
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Professor Lyrical is an artist and educator known for using the positive aspects of Hip Hop culture to empower citizens to self-advocate for socioeconomic change. A master craftsman lyricist, he has consistently published rap records in heavy rotation among college and mix show stations—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 as a full-time employee and ten as an adjunct professor.

Professor Lyrical is also known in academic circles as Dr. Peter Michael Plourde and 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 extensively in [articles](#), [feature stories](#), and [local](#) and [national programming](#), 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 evokes](#) the power of Hip Hop culture in many of his own lessons and as a cultural backdrop for his courses. His 2016 doctoral thesis, 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. Dr. Plourde is a 2021 QuSTEAM-IBM-HBCU Quantum Subject Matter Expert.

Professor Lyrical created an "albook," described as the world's first album and book combination, consisting of the album *Put Em All To Shame*, and the book, *Put Em All To Shame (The Curriculum)*. Sections of the albook form the basis of his curriculum and his first Ted<sup>x</sup> Talk "[The Transformative Power of Hip Hop Culture](#)" and many other talks he gives at colleges and other institutions. Pro, along with Jay “[Quokane](#)” Cruz is also a member of the **ProQuo**. This collaborative duo also hosts a popular weekly webcast, **The ProQuoShow** via the [www.HipHopCitizen.com](http://www.HipHopCitizen.com) livestream network and is simulcasted across **ProQuo** social media and features labelmate and co-host F.L.Y. **The ProQuo** debut album *INSTANT BROTHERHOOD* was released by D.i.M.E./Freedom Corner Brand/Family and Friends Entertainment via Sony Orchard and its lead single “Final Fire” has peaked at #2 on the [www.RapAttackLives.com](http://www.RapAttackLives.com) national HipHop/Rap chart.



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