

Dr. Joshua Berger, NAPPP Trainer/Consultant

For nearly fifteen years, Dr. Joshua Berger has established and coordinated one-to-one and group peer programs focused on peer mentoring, peer leadership, peer tutoring, peer transition, and peer education.

In 2016, Dr. Berger completed his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of California, Los Angeles. His dissertation, “The Implementation of School-Based Peer Programs: Successes, Challenges, and Solutions,” received the outstanding dissertation award from the National Association of Peer Program Professionals.

Beyond his academic achievements, Dr. Berger is a certified peer professional trainer/consultant and a member of NAPPP’s Board of Directors. He also participates on California’s Mentoring Partnership Research Committee. Recently, he served as a consultant for the City of San Francisco’s Mayor’s Office, helping design a peer mentoring program focused on transitional aged youth living in public housing developments.

Dr. Berger has his California teaching and administrative credentials and has led a variety of peer programs at Brentwood School and Pace Academy, in the Los Angeles and Atlanta areas, respectively. He has also taught courses in Civic Leadership, Educational Leadership, Applied Psychology, and English. Additionally, Dr. Berger has facilitated professional development workshops on “Effective Advising In and Out of the Classroom” through the California Teacher Development Collaborative and implemented leadership development programs in college and high school athletics.

Prior to completing his Doctorate at UCLA, Dr. Berger obtained his Master’s degree in English from the University of Missouri, and his Bachelor’s degree from Duke University, where he graduated magna cum laude and served as a four-year student manager for the men’s basketball team under former U.S. Olympic Coach, Mike Krzyzewski.