



# EmpowerMENT

## Male Speaker Series

The Male Speaker Series *highlights personal and professional journeys of men in an effort to expose men of color to inspiring, and accessible role models.* The series' speakers offer life lessons valuable insights and, success strategies with the hope of encouragement for promising opportunities.

**Dr. Matthew Smith**

**Tuesday, October 26 | 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.**

Zoom link: [tinyurl.com/male-speaker-series-1](https://tinyurl.com/male-speaker-series-1)

Matthew Smith currently serves as the Associate Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students at CSU Dominguez Hills. In that role, he oversees nine Student Affairs departments designed to enhance student learning and development through co-curricular experiences. In his former role as the Director of Educational Partnerships, he oversaw student success initiatives, designed to improve the educational outcomes for first generation students. As the former Director of the Male Success Alliance, Matthew created a middle school through college initiative focused on equipping underrepresented minority males with the tools necessary for post-secondary success.

Matthew's research focus is on improving educational and social outcomes for students of color with an emphasis on the experiences of Men of Color in education. He has had the honor of presenting at Conferences such as Harvard's Alumni of Color Conference, the International Colloquium on Black Males, and the American Education Research Association. He is the co-author of *Empowering Men of Color on Campus: Building Student Community in Higher Education* (Rutgers University Press, 2018).

Matthew received his Bachelor's in Sociology from CSU San Bernardino. He received his Master of Science in Higher Education from CSU Fullerton and his Doctorate in Education with an emphasis on Gender Studies and Evaluation from Claremont Graduate University.



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