



Roger Cleveland

Roger Cleveland is known for his educational insight in such areas as diversity, instructional equity, cultural competency, closing achievement gaps, learning styles, transforming school culture, conducting culture audits, and school improvement planning. He has provided staff development and workshops for a number of school districts, social service agencies, state educational agencies, and universities. He has conducted trainings on diversity issues from Alaska to Mississippi. Cleveland has also provided diversity and leadership training for Fortune 500 companies such as Ashland Oil and North American Toyota Manufacturing Company.

Cleveland received his bachelor's degree at Morehead State University and master's degree at Union College and completed his doctoral work at the University of Cincinnati. He has worked in the Cincinnati Public Schools with the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative. Cleveland was director of the Division of Federal Programs & Instructional Equity at the Kentucky Department of Education. After KDE, he taught three years in the College of Education at Morehead State University. In 2008, Cleveland joined the faculty at Eastern Kentucky University.

In 2009, Cleveland was nominated for the Golden Apple Award at ECU. In the spring of 2012, he received the Professor of the Year Award sponsored by the Kentucky Association of Blacks in Higher Education and was recognized as "Teachers Making A Difference at Eastern Kentucky University." Former Gov. Beshear appointed Cleveland to the state's School Curriculum, Assessment & Accountability Council. In March 2013, Cleveland received the P.G. Peoples Award from the Fayette County Board of Education for addressing equity and diversity in schools. He was appointed to the Lexington-Fayette County Human Rights Commission in 2014. He is associate director of the nationally recognized BMW Academy at First Baptist Church Bracktown. In the fall of 2014, Cleveland was inducted into the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame. In December 2015, then-Gov. Beshear appointed Cleveland to the governing board of the Kentucky African American Heritage Center. Cleveland is currently an associate professor in the College of Education at ECU. He is also president and owner of Millennium Learning Concepts Consulting Co. He lives in Lexington with his wife, Audra, and children Maya, Taylor, and Dorian.