

School of Education  
Visiting Minority Scholars Lecture Series

***Beyond Barriers: Black Male College  
Access, Adjustment, and Achievement***

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Thursday, October 15 - 12:00-1:30 p.m.  
Room 259 Educational Sciences Building

Shaun Harper is on the faculty in the Higher Education Division at the University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Education. He also holds an appointment in the Center for Africana Studies at Penn. Harper maintains an active research agenda that examines racism and gender disparities in American higher education, Black male college access and achievement, and college student engagement.

Harper has published six books and more than 50 peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, and other academic publications. He has also presented more than 100 research papers, symposia, and workshops at national education conferences since 2001. His newest single-authored book, *Exceeding Expectations: Black Male College Achievers and Insights into Success*, is being published by Harvard University Press.

In September 2007, Harper was featured on the cover of *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* for his National Black Male College Achievement Study, the largest-ever empirical study of Black male undergraduates. He has been awarded over \$900,000 in research grants from the Lumina Foundation for Education, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and other sources to fund his research. Harper received the 2005 Emerging Scholar Award and the 2006 *Annuit Coeptis* Award for early career achievement, both from the American College Personnel Association. In 2008, the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics presented him its Outstanding Contribution to Research Award. Also, he is recipient of the 2008 Association for the Study of Higher Education's Early Career Award.

Harper earned his bachelor's degree in Education from Albany State, a historically Black university in Georgia, and his Ph.D. in higher education administration from Indiana University.

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