

## DR. SHAUN R. HARPER

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In July 2007, Shaun Harper joined the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education. He also holds a faculty appointment in the Center for Africana Studies at Penn. He maintains an active research agenda that examines racism and gender disparities in higher education, Black male college access and achievement, and college student engagement.

Dr. Harper has published five 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 books and monographs include: *College Men and Masculinities: Using Theory and Research to Inform Practice* (Jossey-Bass, 2009), *Responding to the Realities of Race on Campus* (Jossey-Bass, 2007), *Student Engagement in Higher Education: Theoretical Perspectives and Practical Approaches for Diverse Populations* (Routledge, 2008), *Creating Inclusive Campus Environments for Cross-Cultural Learning and Student Engagement* (NASPA, 2008), and *Using Qualitative Methods in Institutional Assessment* (Jossey-Bass, 2007). His newest single-authored book, *Exceeding Expectations: Black Male College Achievers and Insights into Success*, is being published by Harvard University Press.

Best known for his scholarship on Black male undergraduates, Harper authored three chapters for the book *African American Men in College* (Jossey-Bass, 2006). His dissertation on Black male college achievers at public universities received the 2003 National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Dissertation of the Year Award. In addition, he received the 2005 Emerging Scholar Award and the 2006 *Annuit Coeptis* Award for early career achievement, both from the American College Personnel Association. 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 received nearly \$800,000 in research grants from the Lumina Foundation for Education, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and other sources to fund his research. In 2008, the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics presented Harper 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.