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Biography

Dr. Kimberly C. Harper is an Associate Professor of English, the Associate Chair, and Director of the Technical Writing concentration in the Department of English at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in technical and professional communication. Dr. Harper is researches and writes about Black maternal health and the rhetorical choices of medical practitioners and the link between the creative, ancestral memories found in African American quilting traditions. She is the founder of The Space of Grace podcast, North Carolina A&T's annual Black Maternal Health Conference, and Sankofa Sewing Club.

Education

2012 Ph.D. Technical and Professional Discourse, East Carolina University; Greenville, NC
2004 M.S. Technical and Scientific Communication, Miami University; Oxford, Oh
1998 B.A. English, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University; Greensboro, NC

Academic Positions

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Greensboro, NC

Associate Professor of English (*promoted & tenured*) July 2021
Associate Chair Jan. 2019-Present
Assistant Professor of English; Technical Writing Concentration Director Aug. 2015

Albany State University, Albany GA

Assistant Professor of English; Foreign Language Institute Director Aug. 09-May 15

East Carolina University, Greenville NC

Joyner Library Special Projects Assistant Aug. 07-May 09

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Greensboro, NC

Lecturer Aug. 04-May 07

Grants & Awards

Stuebe, A., Harper, K.D., Williams, J., **Harper, K.C.**, (2022). American Heart Association HERN/P3 Equate *Building Equitable Linkages with Interprofessional Education Valuing Everyone (BELIEVE)*. The Collaborative for Maternal and Infant Health (CMIH), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. (Role: Co-Investigator). **Funding Amount: 2.3 million dollars**

Burwell, J., Clark, I., **Harper, K.C.**, Harper, K.D., McMillan, V.J. Santos, L., Williams, J., (2021-2022). *Enhancing Reviews and Surveillance to Eliminate (ERASE) Maternal Mortality*, The Collaborative for Maternal and Infant Health (CMIH), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. (Role: Co-Investigator).

Harper, K.C. Council for Programs in Technical and Professional Communication (CPTSC) 2020 Research Grant. *Black Rhetorics of Health Communication*. This research grant provided me with monies to conduct preliminary research about capacity building and the need for rhetoric of health and medicine framework that utilized Black scholarship. **Funding Amount: \$1,000**

Harper, K.C. 2020 Creative Greensboro Grant. *Everyday Use. A Celebration of African American Quilting*. The funding allowed me to create public facing events that celebrated the history of quilting in the African American community. **Funding Amount: \$4,500** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NnFKkdcXkWc>

- Harper, K.C. (2019) North Carolina A&T Faculty Research Stipend Award. **Funding Amount \$4,000**
- Harper, K.C. (2018). *CCCC Scholars for the Dream Award*. Funding covered travel and lodging to annual CCCC Conference in Kansas City, MO for emerging scholars.
- Harper, K.C. (2016). *Technical Communication and the African American Experience: Advocacy, Ethics, and Technology* STEM Center of Excellence Ventures Recipient. This project funded professional development for technical writing students and faculty in the Department of English. **Funding Amount: \$14,000**

Invited Speaking Engagements & Research Talks

- October 2022 Florida State University: *Dismantling Systemic Bias in Healthcare, Advancing Health Equity through Language Use*
- April 2022 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: *Doing Black Rhetorics of Health Communication: A Framework for More Racially Just, Community-Engaged Care*
- April 2022 The March of Dimes and Every Baby Guilford: *Crucial Conversations: From Eugenics to Equity in Maternal Health*
- March 2021 North Carolina Museum of History Community Class: *Black Maternal Health and the History of Eugenics in North Carolina*
- April 2021 Digital Black Lit and Composition (DBLAC) Book Talk: *The Ethos of Black Motherhood in America*
- November 2020 Virginia Tech Professional and Technical Writing Program: *Black Technical Communication Panel Discussion*
- October 2020—SigDoc, *SigDoc Panel on Antiracist and Social Justice Research*
- June 2020 Muslim Educators on Racism and the Murder of George Floyd (Zoom Panel) *Educating Our Youth and Our Community facilitated by Mariyam Sullivan*
- April 2015—Albany State University Annual Hip Hop Conference Keynote: *Mental Health and the Hip Hop Community*

Maternal Health & Diversity Training

- Summer 2022 Cone Health & DTI Birth Full-Spectrum Doula Training
- Summer 2022 DONA Birth Doula Training
 - Intro to Childbirth for Doulas
 - Intro to Breastfeeding for Doulas
- 2022 March of Dimes Implicit Bias Training
- 2022 REI Groundwater Training
- 2022 Every Baby Guilford Preconception Health Ambassador

Journal Publications & Book Chapters (blind-refereed)

- Mckoy, Temptaous, Cecilia Shelton, Donnie Sackey, Natasha Jones, Constance Haywood, Ja'La Wourman, and **Kimberly C. Harper**. "Introduction to Special Issue: Black Technical and Professional Communication." *Technical Communication Quarterly*. May 2022.
- Harper, Kimberly C., "Social Activism in 280 Characters or Less: How to Incorporate Critical Analysis of Online Activism into TPC Curriculum" In *Equipping Technical Communicators for Social Justice Work: Topics, Theories, and Methodologies* edited by Rebecca Walton and Godwin Agboka. Utah State University Press. Logan, UT. 114-125. June 2021.
- Harper, Kimberly C., "Implicit Bias, Visual Rhetoric, and Black Maternal Health: Understanding the Real Risk Factor" in *From Band-Aids to Scalpels: Motherhood Experiences in/of Medicine* edited by Rohini Bannerjee and Karim Mukhida. June 2021. Demeter Press: Ontario.
- Harper, Kimberly C., "Tired as a Mutha: Black Mother Activists and the Fight for Affordable Housing and Health Care." *Technical Communication Quarterly*. May 2021
- Harper, Kimberly C. "In the Fight of their Lives: Mothers of the Movement and the Pursuit of Reproductive Justice." December 2020. *Reflections: A Journal of Community-Engage Writing and Rhetoric*.
- De Hertogh, Lori Beth, Novotny, Maria, **Harper, Kimberly C.**, Evans, B., Philip Meador, Palmer, M., Phlegar, J., Smith, M. December 2020 "An Annotated Bibliography on Rhetorics of Reproductive Justice." *Reflections: A Journal of Community-Engage Writing and Rhetoric*.
- Harper, Kimberly C., Book Review of "Race After Technology: Abolitionist Tool for the New Jim Code." *Programmatic Perspectives*. 11(1) Fall 2020 129-132.
- Harper, Kimberly C., *The Ethos of Black Mothers in America: Only White Women Get Pregnant* Lexington Books; Lanham Maryland. October 2020.
- Mckoy, Temptaous, Cecilia Shelton, Donnie Sackey, Natasha Jones, Constance Haywood, Ja'La Wourman, and **Kimberly C. Harper**. "CCCC Black Technical and Professional Communication Position Statement with Resource Guide." October 2020. <https://cccc.ncte.org/cccc/black-technical-professional-communication>
- Harper, Kimberly C., and Hope Jackson. "Dat' Niggas Crazy: How Hip-Hop Negotiates Mental Health." *The Western Journal of Black Studies* 42, no. 3/4. (Winter 2019):113-125.
- Harper, Kimberly C., "Using Learner Centered Pedagogy and Social Justice Pedagogy in Post- Secondary Technical and Professional Communication Writing Courses." In *Handbook of Research on Promoting Higher-Order Skills and Global Competencies in Life and Work* edited by Sagini Keengwe, 337-350. Hershey: IGI Global, 2018.
- Harper, Kimberly C., and Samaa Gamie. "The Role of Social Networking and Computer-Mediated Communication in Promoting Activism and Revolutionary Work: Editorial Introduction." *connexions • international professional communication journal*, 5, no. 2 (2018).
- Harper, Kimberly C., "Black Lives Don't Matter Because, Black Wombs Don't Matter: Exploring the Reproductive Rights of Black Mothers." *Writing Networks for Social Justice*. 52-55. 2017.
- Harper, Kimberly C., Kuanchin, Chen, and David C. Yen. 2004. "Distance Learning, Virtual Classrooms, and Teaching Pedagogy in the Internet Environment." *Technology in Society*, 26, no.4: 585-598

Blog Publications

- Harper, Kimberly C., (2020). “Do White People Hate Us?” July 14, 2020. <https://teacher-scholar-activist.org/2020/07/14/year-of-activism-part-7/>
- Harper, Kimberly C., (2018). “It Aint Easy.” November 11, 2018 <https://sapelosquare.com/2018/11/01/it-aint-easy-kareem-abdul-jabbar-journey-to-islam/>
- Harper, Kimberly C., and Ryan Hilliard. (2018). “40 Hadith of Aisha by Ustadha Nurriddeen Knight”. April 17, 2018 <https://sapelosquare.com/2018/04/17/book-review-40-hadith-aisha/>
- Harper, Kimberly C., and Ryan Hilliard. (2018). “When Shari’a Doesn’t Cover the Rent: The Hajar Paradigm as the Norm for Muslim Women in America.” <https://sapelosquare.com/2018/03/20/hajar-paradigm/>
- Harper, Kimberly C., (2018). “Traversing the Path of Parenthood in Islam.” <https://sapelosquare.com/2018/02/20/traversing-the-path-of-parenthood-in-islam/>

NC A&T Campus Presentations

- April 2020 NC A&T Graduate School Speaker Series: *Strategies for Aligning Your Time with Your Priorities*
- January 2020 *4 Your Eyes Only: Hip Hop & Mental Health*. Hosted by the NC A&T Student Government Association
- April 2019 & November 2019 HBCU-UP Data Science and Analytics Program: *The Importance of Professionalism & Email Etiquette*
- March 2106 Wabash/Provost Scholars: *Document Design and Layout for Report Writing*

Conferences Organized

- April 2021 *Dear Mama: Knowledge is Power*. NC A&T’s annual Black Maternal Health Conference
- April 2020 *Dear Mama: You Have the Right to Live & Thrive* NC A&T’s annual Black Maternal Health Conference

Conference Presentations (blind-refereed)

- March 2020—Conference on College Composition and Communication “We Been Here: Highlighting the Work of HBCUs in the Rhetorical/Composition Field”. *(Cancelled due to COVID-19)*
- March 2019—Association of Teachers of Technical Writing (ATTW) *Going Viral: How Social Media is Changing the Conversation about Accountability, Sentimental Stressors, and Mental Health in the African-American Community*
- March 2018—Conference on College Composition and Communication; *Technical Communication in the Age of #BlackLivesMatter*
- April 2017—9th Annual Technology Institute for Educators; *Using #BlackLivesMatter in a Learner Centered Environment*
- March 2017—40th Annual National Council for Black Studies (NCBS); *Oppression and Survival: Hallucinations, Madness, and Cray-Cray in Hip-Hop Music*
- November 2016—National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE); *Black Lives Matter: Exploring Race, Gender, Advocacy and Technology in Technical Communication*

- October 2016—Winston Salem State Africana Islamic Studies Conference; *The Creation of a National Narrative Textbooks & the African Diaspora*
- February 2015-Albany State University Lyceum Series; *Document Design and Textbook Bias*
- March 2011—Albany State University Women’s Symposium; *The Visual Rhetoric of Muslim Women in the Media*
- April 2009—35th Annual Conference of the African Literature Association; *Teaching from the Margins: Critical Thinking Skills and Literature*
- March 2009—Conference on College Composition and Communication; *The Graduate Teaching Experience Multiple Responsibilities and Challenges*
- February 2009—Southeastern Writing Center Association; *Why Rhetoric Matters in the Writing Center*
- November 2008—North Carolina Central University African Diaspora Studies Symposium; *Document Design and the Textbook Design Process*
- October 2008—Ohio University: Perspectives on African Decolonization; *The Visual Language(s) Found in Textbooks*
- April 2008—North Carolina A&T State University: Home Scholars Colloquia; *Functional Analysis as a Document Design Tool*
- February 2007—East Carolina University: 4th Annual TALGS/Applied Linguistics Conference; *The Marginalization of African Cultures in Humanities Textbooks*

Student Advising

Member, Master’s Thesis Committee, Kristen Edwards	Defense October 2019
Member, Master’s Thesis Committee, Brittany Clark	Defense March 2019
Academic Advising for 12 undergraduate students	

Teaching Competencies

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Rhetoric & Argumentation • African American Rhetoric • African American Women’s Rhetoric • Developmental Reading • First Year Composition • Hip Hop Discourse | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Writing and Policy • Social Justice and Technical Communication • Rhetorics of Health and Medicine • Visual Rhetoric • World Humanities • Writing for Science and Technology • Writing Reports and Proposals |
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Professional Service

National

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| • Technical Communication Quarterly Reviewer | June 2020-Present |
| • CCCC Black Technical and Professional Writing Task Force | January 2020-December 2020 |
| • Editorial Committee Member: Spark: A 4C4Equality Journal | August 2018-Present |
| • Religion Editor for Sapelo Square | Jan. 2018-Dec. 2018 |
| • National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Reviewer | Summer 2016 |

University

- Faculty Senate Alternate
- Grade Appeals Committee
- Muslim Student Association Advisor

Spring 2019-Present
Fall 2017- Present
Fall 2016-2019

Department

- Department of English Leadership Team
- Technical Writing Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Recruitment Committee
- Graduate Committee
- Web Master

August 2018-Present
August 2015-Present
May 2015-Present
August 2015-Present
August 2015-Present
August 2015-Present

Community

- Every Baby Guilford Board Member
- March of Dimes Community Health Navigator
- Founder of NC A&T's Black Maternal Health Conference
- Founder of The Space of Grace (Reproductive Justice) Podcast
- Triad Math & Science Parent Volunteer
- WD Mohammed Islamic Center Board Member (Secretary & Treasurer)
- Halimah's Food Pantry Associate Director (WDMIC)

July 2021-Present
May 2021-Present
April 2020-Present
January 2020-Present
August 2018-May 2021
Oct. 2019-May 2021
May 2020-May 2022

Professional Memberships

- Phi Kappa Phi, Chapter 291, North Carolina A&T State University
- Association of Teachers of Technical Writing (ATTW)
- Council on College Composition and Communication (CCCC)
- Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication (CPTSC)
- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)