

RÉNARD HARRIS



Vice President of Access and Inclusion/Chief Diversity Officer



Rénard Harris is the Vice President of Access and Inclusion and the Chief Diversity Officer at the College of Charleston (2016-present). His primary responsibilities are to raise the visibility of the institution's diversity efforts by building collaborative relationships, unifying the campus by educating and highlighting

the core essence and strengths of various identities, guiding diversity programs and workshops, and creating initiatives that improve the success of underserved students.

Harris has been at the College of Charleston since the fall of 2005. He began as a faculty member and was promoted to associate professor of teacher education in 2013.

Since his time at the College of Charleston and several years prior, he has explored multicultural education, diversity, equity, and inclusion, storytelling, the Blues as story, cultural responsiveness and bias. He is often called upon to serve as a keynote speaker, diversity facilitator and consultant for businesses and educational institutions.

Harris holds an Ed.D. in teacher education from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn., where he completed his dissertation entitled *An Interpretive Analysis of the Formative Period of Journal Publications Related to Multicultural Education, 1977-1987*, under the guidance of chair Thomas Turner. He completed an M.S. in curriculum and instruction at the University of Tennessee and taught for five years at Alcoa Middle School in Alcoa, Tennessee.

EDUCATION

2005: Ed.D. in Teacher Education, University of Tennessee

1998: Ed.S. in Education Administration and Supervision, Lincoln Memorial University

1995: M.S. in Curriculum and Instruction, University of Tennessee

1989: B.A. in Business Administration, St. Mary's University

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2020-Present: Vice President of Access & Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer, College of Charleston

2019-2020: National/International Keynote Speaker, Diversity and Race

2016-2020: Associate Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, College of Charleston

2013-2016: Associate Professor of Teacher Education; College of Charleston

2005-2013: Assistant Professor of Teacher Education; College of Charleston

HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2020: EAB'S Emerging Higher Education Leaders Fellowship

2020-present: Board Member, Kids on Point

2009: Excel Award