

Dr. Jessica B. Harris

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Dr. Jessica B. Harris is an author, editor and translator whose work documents the foods and foodways of the African Diaspora.

Dr. Harris is a founding member of the Caribbean Culinary Federation and for many years was the only American member of the Association des Cuisinières de la Guadeloupe. She holds degrees from Bryn Mawr College; Queens College/CUNY; The Université de Nancy, France; and New York University.

Dr. Harris has authored, edited or translated 17 books, including 12 cookbooks; and has written extensively for scholarly and popular publications. She has lectured throughout the United States and abroad; and consults internationally, most recently for the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture on their new cafeteria, and Oxford/Brookes University on their Gastronomica Program.



Currently, Dr. Harris is a professor of English at Queens College/CUNY in New York. She is at work on several new projects, including a book about her postcard collection entitled *In the Dignity of Their Work and the Joy of Their Play*; and *A Moment In Time*, a memoir about her experience as a member of a circle of friends in New York City that included Maya Angelou and James Baldwin. Dr. Harris is series editor for a new series on African Diaspora food, folklore and material culture.

In 2015, Dr. Harris was honored with a doctorate of humane letters *honoris causa* from Johnson & Wales University and the inaugural lifetime achievement award at the Soul Summit, a gathering of people working in the area of African American food.