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## **Acclaimed Author Peter J. Harris Lends His Voice To Special Literary Event at El Camino College Compton Center**

Award-winning African American author Peter J. Harris will share his work as a featured participant in “Voices of Compton: Compton Literary/Arts Journal,” a special event hosted by the El Camino College Compton Center’s Humanities Division on Wednesday, June 2, at 11 a.m. in the Student Lounge.

The event, which will include published poet and student literature readings, is free and open to the public.

Harris, whose work often explores the lives of African American men, has been writing poetry, essays and fiction since the 1970s and his work has been published in a wide range of national publications. During his career, he has worked as a publisher, journalist, editor and broadcaster. A magazine he published in the 1980s, “Genetic Dancers: The Magazine for and about the Artistry Within African/American Fathers,” was the first of its kind.

He is the author of “Hand Me My Griot Clothes: The Autobiography of Junior Baby,” which featured an elder African American man reflecting on life, love and ethics. The book won the PEN Oakland award for multi-cultural literature in 1993. His essays about manhood and masculinity have been published in numerous anthologies, including “Black Men Speaking” and “Fathersongs.” For more information on Peter J. Harris, go to [www.inspirationcrib.com](http://www.inspirationcrib.com).

This special event is co-sponsored by El Camino College Compton Center’s Title V Mini-Grant Award, Student Life Office, and Humanities Division.

### **About El Camino College Compton Center**

El Camino College Compton Center is the community’s education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. Many classes are available and offered at an affordable price—fees are only \$26 per unit. The catalog and class schedule for day, evening, weekend and online courses is available on the Web site at [www.compton.edu](http://www.compton.edu) or may be picked up at Compton Center located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA. For more information, call 310-900-1600.

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