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## **Halifax Community College Hosts Women's History Guest Lecturer**

**WELDON, N.C.** – Halifax Community College is excited to announce its Women's History Month celebration event.

Guest lecturer Dr. Melinda D. Kane, associate professor and co-director of gender studies at East Carolina University, will visit campus to speak on "Women, Work and Family: Unique Challenges under COVID-19" on March 23 at 10 a.m. in the Griffin Centre. Kane's expertise is on current day conditions from the 1970s onward with an emphasis on women and the workplace.

Kane has been a professor at ECU since 2008. Prior to her time at ECU, she was a professor at the University of Texas at Dallas. She has a doctoral degree in sociology from Vanderbilt University and a bachelor's degree in sociology from Villanova University. As a social inequality scholar, Kane investigates the influence that gender and sexuality have on people's life experiences, economic rewards and political influence.

"COVID-19 has affected each of us, and Dr. Kane will provide a specific perspective that will enlighten us as we move forward from the pandemic's grasp," said HCC's Acting President and VP of Administrative Services/CFO Dr. David Forester. "Halifax Community College is pleased to be focusing on the contributions that women make to society during Women's History Month with this special presentation from Dr. Kane."

For more information about the lecture, please contact Kimberly Mack, special assistant to the president for governmental, community and governmental affairs, [kmack219@halifaxcc.edu](mailto:kmack219@halifaxcc.edu).

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