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Dr. Siobahn Day Grady is an Associate Professor in the School of Library and Information Sciences at North Carolina Central University and the founding director of the Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Research (IAIER). In 2018, she became the first woman to earn a Ph.D. in Computer Science from North Carolina A&T State University, a milestone that drives her commitment to broadening access and innovation in computing.



At IAIER, Dr. Grady leads initiatives that connect artificial intelligence, digital education, and workforce readiness, building national partnerships and launching programs that make emerging technologies accessible and human-centered. Her research focuses on AI, human-computer interaction, algorithmic bias, and applying machine learning to real-world challenges such as misinformation, autonomous systems, and healthcare equity.

Recognized for her leadership in digital pedagogy and institutional change, she also serves as NCCU's faculty fellow for e-Learning Excellence and holds multiple Quality Matters certifications. Beyond academia, she has established six STEM-focused endowed scholarships across North Carolina's HBCUs and serves on several advisory boards. A former AAAS IF/THEN Ambassador, her statue is permanently housed at NC A&T's College of Engineering, honoring her impact as a national leader in STEM and higher education.