



2025 ANNUAL DINNER & MAYOR'S CELEBRATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS

One of the nation's most prominent scholars, Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr. is an author, political commentator, public intellectual and passionate educator who examines the complex dynamics of the American experience. His writings, including *Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul*, *In a Shade of Blue: Pragmatism and the Politics of Black America* and the *New York Times* bestseller *Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for our Own*, take a wide look at Black communities, the difficulties of race in the United States and the challenges we face as a democracy.

Glaude's latest book, *We Are the Leaders We Have Been Looking For*, was released in April 2024. Based on the Du Bois Lectures he delivered at Harvard University, Glaude shows how ordinary Black Americans can shake off their reliance on a small group of professional politicians and pursue self-cultivation and grassroots movements to achieve a more just and perfect democracy.

In his writing and speaking, Glaude is an American critic in the tradition of James Baldwin and Ralph Waldo Emerson, confronting history and bringing our nation's complexities, vulnerabilities and hope into full view. Hope that is, in one of his favorite quotes from W.E.B. Du Bois, "not hopeless, but a bit unhelpful."

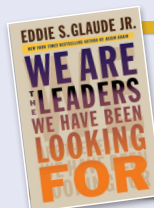
Some like to describe Glaude as the quintessential Morehouse man, having left his home in Moss Point, Mississippi at age 16 to begin studies at the HBCU and alma mater of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He holds a master's degree in African American Studies from Temple University and a Ph.D. in Religion from Princeton University.

Glaude is known both for his inspiring oratory and ability to convene conversations that engage fellow citizens from all backgrounds — from young activists to corporate audiences. In 2011, he delivered Harvard's DuBois lectures. His 2015 commencement remarks at Colgate University titled, "Turning Our Backs," was recognized by the *New York Times* as one of the best commencement speeches of the year.

Combining a scholar's knowledge of history, a political commentator's take on the latest events, and an activist's passion for social justice, Glaude challenges all of us to examine our collective American conscience, "not to posit the greatness of America, but to establish the ground upon which to imagine the country anew."



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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GLAUDE, JR.**

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6:30 PM • Ticket Donation \$65

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