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*Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr. to speak at the Human Relations Commission Annual Dinner & Mayor's Celebration of Human Rights Awards*

(Evansville, IN) – The Evansville-Vanderburgh County Human Relations Commission will hold its Annual Dinner and Mayor's Celebration of Human Rights Awards on Friday, October 17, at 6:30 p.m., at the Old National Events Plaza. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr. Mayor Stephanie Terry will present the 2025 Mayor's Celebration of Human Rights Awards.

Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr., is a New York Times bestselling author and the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor at Princeton University. Recognized as one of the nation's most prominent scholars, Dr. Glaude 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*, offer powerful insights into 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. He holds a master's degree in African American Studies from Temple University and a Ph.D. in Religion from Princeton University.

The 2025 Mayor's Celebration of Human Rights Awards recognizes businesses, organizations and individuals that embrace and celebrate belonging. Please visit [www.evansville.in.gov/humanrightsawards](http://www.evansville.in.gov/humanrightsawards) to submit a nomination for the Mayor's Celebration of Human Rights Awards. The deadline to nominate is Friday, September 19, 2025. Corporate sponsorships are also available. For additional information, please contact the Human Relations Commission at (812) 436-4927, [hrc@evansville.in.gov](mailto:hrc@evansville.in.gov) or visit [2025 Human Relations Commission Annual Dinner](#).

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