

## **Biographical Profile**

### **Walter Earl Fluker**

Walter Earl Fluker (GRS'88) is a well-known figure in the theory and practice of ethical leadership. Dr. Fluker holds dual positions of Scholar-in-Residence at Morehouse College and Distinguished Professor of the Howard Thurman Center at Hartford International University for Religion & Peace and previously served as Dean's Professor of Spirituality, Ethics, and Leadership at Emory University's Candler School of Theology. At Morehouse College, he was the founding director of the Andrew Young Center for Global Leadership and the Coca-Cola Professorship of Leadership Studies. He is a professor emeritus of ethical leadership at Boston University and the editor of the Howard Thurman Papers Project. During his tenure at BU, he developed an acclaimed Massive Online Operating Course titled *Ethical Leadership: Character, Civility, and Community*. His organization, Walter Earl Fluker & Associates, Inc., continues to advance this mission.

A sought-after consultant, speaker, and workshop leader, Dr. Fluker has shared his expertise at various institutions and organizations worldwide. Recently, he was honored with the 2023 Roosevelt Institute's Four Freedoms Award of Worship, along with Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, the late activist Ady Barkan, Congressman Bennie Thompson, and former Executive Director of the American Library Association Tracie D. Hall.

Dr. Fluker is a prolific author, with notable works including *They Looked for a City: A Comparative Analysis of the Ideal of Community in the Thought of Howard Thurman and Martin Luther King, Jr.* (1989), *Ethical Leadership: The Quest for Character, Civility, and Community* (2009) and *The Ground Has Shifted: The Future of the Black Church in Post-Racial America* (2016). He edited the five-volume documentary edition, *The Papers of Howard Washington Thurman*, the four-volume *Walking with God: The Sermon Series of Howard Thurman* (2020–2023), and *The Unfinished Search for Common Ground* (2023).

He earned a BA in philosophy and biblical studies from Trinity College, an MDiv from Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, and a PhD in social ethics from BU. He holds an honorary Doctor of Humanities from Lees-McRae College and the Doctor of Laws Degree from Boston University.