

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS 1977 – PRESENT

Name	Year Awarded
Claire Collins Harvey, C'37 Patricia Roberts Harris	1977
Toni Morrison	1978
Marian Anderson Mattiwilda Dobbs, C'46 Constance Baker Motley	1979
Sarah Sage McAlpin Mary French Rockefeller Mabel Murphy Smythe*	1980
Cardiss Collins Effie O'Neal Ellis, C'33 Dorothy I. Height Albert E. Manley Mary Brookins Ross, C'28	1981
Shirley Chisholm Eleanor Holmes Norton James Robinson	1982
Maya Angelou Etta Moten Barnett Anne Cox Chambers Grace L. Hewell, C'40 Sam Nunn	1983
Clara Stanton Jones, C'34 Coretta Scott King Jeanne Spurlock* Cicely Tyson	1984
Mary Hatwood Futrell Charles Merrill Romae Turner Powell, C'47 Maxine Waters	1985
Gwendolyn Brooks William H. Cosby Faye Wattleton	1986
Lena Horne Jacob Lawrence Leontyne Price Donald M. Stewart	1987
Selma Burke Pearl Primus	1988
Dame Ruth Nita Barrow Camille Hanks Cosby	1989

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Harry Belafonte Katherine Dunham Nelson Mandela	1990
Marguerite Ross Barnett Ruby Dee Miriam Makeba Audrey Forbes Manley, C'55	1991
Jesse Norman	1992
Louis Rawls Oprah Winfrey	1993
Margaret Walker Alexander Oran W. Eagleson Carol Moseley Braun Donna Shalala Susan Taylor	1994
Elizabeth Catlett Alice Walker* Elie Wiesel	1995
Rita Dove Myrlie Evers-Williams Damon Keith Pinkie Gordon Lane, C'49 Levi Watkins, Jr.	1996
Patricia Roberts Harris Claire Collins Harvey, C'37 Bernice Johnson Reagan, C'70	1997
Margaret Taylor Burroughs Jewel Plummer Cobb Ruth Davis, C'66 Lani Guinier Alexine Clement Jackson, C'56 Jackie Joyner Kersee Louis Stokes	1998
Aurelia E. Brazeal, C'65 Johnnetta Betsch Cole Dorothy Cotton Earl Graves Marcelite Jordan Harris, C'64 Lee Lorch Jewel Limar Prestage Deborah Prothrow-Stith, C'75	1999

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Max Cleland Maxine D. Hayes, C'69 Shirley Ann Jackson Shirley Malcolm Lena Johnson McLin, C'51	2000
Alexis Herman Bernette Joshua Johnson, C'64 Ruth Kirschstein Jane E. Smith, C'68 George Walker, Jr.	2001
Danny Glover Shirley Marks, C'69 Bismarck Myrick John Ruffin David Satcher Eleanor Traylor, C'55	2002
Billye Aaron Henry "Hank" Aaron Sarah Nyendwoha Ntiro Suzan Lori Parks Johnnie Hines Prothro, C'41 Andrew Young	2003
Benjamin S. Carson, Sr. Evelynn M. Hammonds, C'76 Maxine A. Smith, C'49	2004
Kathleen McGhee Anderson, C'72 Diahann Carroll Varnette Honeywood, C'72 Samella Lewis Howard Zinn	2005
Shirley Clarke Franklin Evelyn Boyd Granville Haki R. Madhubuti	2006
Veronica Biggins, C'68 Elaine R. Jones Ruth Simmons President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf	2007

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Herschelle Sullivan Challenor, C'61 Ernest Green Sheila C. Johnson Ingrid Saunders Jones	2008
Mary McKinney Edmond, C'53 Judith Jamison Leah Ward Sears Cornel West	2009
Pearl Michelle Cleage, C'71 Marian Wright Edelman, C'60 Susan Elizabeth Rice	2010
Debbie Allen Tina McElroy Ansa, C'71 Michelle Obama Phylicia Rashad	2011
Dazon Dixon Diallo, C'86 LaTanya Richardson Jackson, C'71 Anna Deavere Smith	2012
Regina Benjamin Freeman Hrabowski Harriett Mitchell Murphy, C'49 Roslyn E. Pope, C'60	2013
Dr. Wanda Austin Dr. Hazel Dean, C'83 Soledad O'Brien	2014
Donna Brazille Janice E. Hale, C'70 June Gary Hopps, C'60 Lisa Jackson Yvonne Jackson, C'70	2015
Wanda Lloyd, C'71 Loretta Lynch Stevland Morris (Stevie Wonder)	2016
Stacey Abrams, C'95 Katherine Johnson	2017
Kathleen Bertrand, C'73 Bryan Stevenson	2018

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Name	Year Awarded
Virginia Davis Floyd, C'73 Sonia Sanchez	2019
Danai Gurira	2020
Elizabeth Alexander Judge Brenda Hill Cole, C'63 Angela Davis	2021
Bernice Albertine King, C'85	2022
Tracee Ellis Ross Nikole Hannah-Jones Tayari Jones, C'91	2023
Angela Bassett Ruha Benjamin, C'2001 Justice Ketanji Brown-Jackson	2024