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DAVID C. DRISKELL, educator and artist, summertime neighbor in Falmouth, teacher at Skowhegan, professor of art at the University of Maryland, and graduate of a great university, Howard, that bears a famous Bowdoin name -- you have continued a life of accomplishments in the years since you first came to Bowdoin as a visiting professor in 1973. Your writings on American black artists -- including your essay on the Harlem Renaissance, in the catalogue of the recent show at our Museum of Art -- and your own successful career as a painter reveal you as that rare phenomenon: the scholar-artist. We especially admire the creative gift that has enabled you to translate into a contemporary idiom the West African and Appalachian traditions you absorbed through your own family's roots. We welcome you back to Bowdoin and declare you *honoris causa*, DOCTOR OF FINE ARTS.