

**The Honorands of
The 2007 Commencement**

**Drew Gilpin Faust
Doctor of Humane Letters**

Eminent historian and outstanding academic leader Drew Gilpin Faust, who has served since 2001 as the founding dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, was elected the twenty-eighth president of Harvard University in February 2007 and will assume her post July 1. She earned her undergraduate degree at Bryn Mawr College and master's and doctoral degrees in American civilization at the University of Pennsylvania. She served on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania for twenty-five years before moving to Harvard, where she is Abraham Lincoln Professor of History and of African and African American Studies. She is the author of five books, including *Mothers of Invention: Women of the Slaveholding South in the American Civil War*, for which she won the Francis Parkman Prize in 1997. She is a trustee of Bryn Mawr College, the Andrew Mellon Foundation, and the National Humanities Center, and serves on the educational advisory board of the Guggenheim Foundation. She served as president of the Southern Historical Association, vice president of the American Historical Association, and executive board member of the Organization of American Historians and the Society of American Historians.