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FRANCIS C. OAKLEY, President of Williams College, graduate of Corpus Christi College at Oxford University and holder of a master's degree and a Ph.D. from Yale, author of numerous books and articles and distinguished historian; you are lauded for your creative leadership and your personal vision, for your caring, sense of style and wit; you have set the standard for commitment to affirmative action and diversity in education and have demonstrated that it is possible to be an eminent scholar and an effective executive; you have said and in your career and life have illustrated that "teaching is the heart of the matter." You are gladly honored today by a college whose charter was given by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts just months after the Williams College charter was granted and whose bicentennial observance follows immediately upon the heels of your own, for your service to education and especially to the liberal arts.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Governing Boards, I now confer upon you the **Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.** *honoris causa*