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Biographical Sketch 2019

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Earl Lewis is the Thomas C. Holt Distinguished University Professor of history, Afroamerican and African Studies, and Public Policy and director of the Center for Social Solutions. From March 2013-2018, he served as President of The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. An author and esteemed social historian, he is past President of the Organization of American Historians. A fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2008) and the recipient of eleven honorary degrees, he has held faculty and administrative appointments at Michigan (1989-2004) and the University of California, Berkeley (1984-89). From 2004-2012, he served as Emory University's Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Asa Griggs Candler Professor of History and African American Studies. In addition to prior service on a number of nonprofit and governmental boards, Lewis chairs the board of Regents at Concordia College, is a trustee of ETS and a director of 2U and the Capital Group, American Funds.