



### **E. Culpepper Clark**

E. Culpepper Clark is dean emeritus of the University of Georgia's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, a position he held from 2006 until his retirement in 2013. Clark was dean of Grady College when the college inducted its first class of Grady Fellows in 2008 and was inducted into the Grady Fellowship in 2018. He is also a past president of the Southern States Communication Association. Clark earned his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in history from Emory University and a doctoral degree in history from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Prior to the University of Georgia, Clark worked at The University of Alabama for 27 years, including serving as dean of the College of Communication and Information Sciences. Clark joined the University in 1971 as an assistant professor of speech communication and associate director of forensics. Later, he served as director of forensics and was chair of the department of speech communication before becoming executive assistant to the president of the University in 1990. He was chair of the department of communication studies at The University of Alabama at Birmingham from 1979 to 1986, and chair of the communication department at Georgia State University in 1986-87. One of his many contributions at UA was the development of the "Realizing the Dream" program, and he was subsequently honored with a Sustaining the Dream Award.

A historian of the South, Clark's published works have focused on the New South Movement, Civil Rights and communication. His book, "The Schoolhouse Door: Segregation's Last Stand at the University of Alabama," was named a Notable Book by the New York Times Book Review. Clark also founded and edited a series, "Studies in Rhetoric and Communication," in which more than thirty titles appeared. In 2015, he wrote "Centennial: A History of the Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Georgia," as a gift to Grady College during its Centennial. His most recent published book is "Sherman, Grady, and the Making of Atlanta."

Clark and his wife Mary reside in Stone Mountain, Georgia.