

This Week in Eden History

April 10 | Enoch H. Ogelsby, first African American faculty member at Eden



Enoch H. Ogelsby, ca. 1995. Photo: Eden Archives

Enoch H. Ogelsby, the first African American faculty member at Eden, was installed as the United Church Professor of Theology and History on **April 10, 1996**. He earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Boston University, a Master of Theology from Boston University School of Theology, and a B.A. from Lane College. He is the author of numerous articles and over twelve books, including *Ethical Issues That Matter: A New Method of Moral Discourse in Church Life*.

Dr. Ogelsby came to Eden in 1978 from a teaching position at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta. At Eden, beyond his teaching responsibilities, he established the Black Church Studies Program in 1986, serving as Director until 1994. He also helped create with the organization Concerned Black Clergy of St. Louis the Black Church Conference which occurred annually from 1987 to 1992. Dr. Ogelsby retired in 2008 after thirty years of teaching and leadership at Eden.