

# Early Education Commission

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## Condensed Biographical Sketch



**Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum** is the ninth President of Spelman College. Prior to her appointment to the Spelman presidency in 2002, she spent 13 years at Mount Holyoke College, serving in various roles, including as Acting President, Dean of the College, Department Chair and Professor of Psychology. Beverly is a clinical psychologist whose areas of research interest include black families in white communities, racial identity in teens, and the role of race in the classroom. For more than 20 years, she taught her signature course on the psychology of racism and has toured extensively, leading workshops on racial identity development and its impact in the classroom. In her critically acclaimed 1997 book, *“Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?” and Other Conversations about Race*, she applied her expertise on race to argue that straight talk about racial identity is essential to the nation. Her latest book is *Can We Talk about Race? and Other Conversations in an Era of School Resegregation*, released in 2007. She has published numerous articles and is the recipient of several honorary degrees. In 2005 she was awarded the prestigious Brock International Prize in Education for innovative leadership. She earned a B.A. in psychology from Wesleyan University and a M.A. and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Michigan. She also holds a M.A. in religious studies from Hartford Seminary.