

# **Franklin takes post at Morehouse College: Robert M. Franklin named president**

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Black-church scholar Robert M. Franklin has been named president of Morehouse College in Atlanta. Franklin, 53, professor of social ethics at Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, began his new position on July 2, succeeding current president Walter E. Massey, who is retiring. Franklin served as president of the Interdenominational Theological Center, a consortium of African-American theological schools in Atlanta, from 1997 to 2002. Morehouse is a historically black college for men whose alumni include Martin Luther King Jr. and Franklin himself.