

## **Horace G. Dawson, Jr.**

Ambassador Dawson was named Director of the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center at Howard University in August 1997. The Center was established in 1993 to serve as a focal point for the University's international activities and interests. Ambassador Dawson has been at Howard since 1989 when he joined the faculty of the School of Communications. In 1990, he became Director of the Patricia Roberts Harris Public Affairs Program, a position he still holds.

From 1962 to 1989 Ambassador Dawson was a member of the U.S. Foreign Service, during which time he served as Cultural Affairs Officer or Public Affairs Officer in countries including Uganda, Nigeria, Liberia and the Philippines. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter appointed him Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, where he remained until 1983. Ambassador Dawson also held several posts at the U.S. Information Agency's Washington headquarters and received the Agency's Superior Service Honor Award on three occasions.

Ambassador Dawson, a former professor of English, holds a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa, an M.A. from Columbia University, and a B.A. from Lincoln University (PA), which also awarded him an honorary doctorate in 1990.