

G. Wayne Clough, Ph.D., P.E.  
Secretary Emeritus of the Smithsonian Institution  
President Emeritus of the Georgia Institute of Technology

Wayne Clough served as the 10th president of the Georgia Institute of Technology from 1994 to 2008 and as the 12th Secretary of the Smithsonian from 2008 to 2014. A native of Georgia he earned his BS and MS degrees from Georgia Tech and a PhD from the University of California at Berkeley. He has taught at Duke, Stanford, and Virginia Tech, where he served as the Chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Dean of the College of Engineering. In 1992 he was named Provost at the University of Washington. Clough was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 1990 and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2010. He was appointed to the National Science Board and the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology by President George W. Bush. He has received honorary doctorates from twelve universities.

During his tenure at Georgia Tech the university rose into the top ten among public universities, hosted the 1996 Olympics, extended the campus into Midtown Atlanta, expanded overseas, initiated the Tech Promise program for financially disadvantaged students, and improved student retention and graduation rates.

His tenure at the Smithsonian was marked by improved relations with Congress, a growth in museum visitation from 25 million to 32 million, a commitment to digital outreach and education, a focus on sustainability and interdisciplinary activities, and enhanced private support. The new \$570 million National Museum of African American History and Culture was funded and major renovations were completed at seven of the Smithsonian's 19 museums and galleries.

Dr. Clough has returned to Georgia and is active as a lecturer and author. He is teaching part-time at Georgia Tech with a focus on leadership, climate change, and working to create access to a university education for students from low-income families.