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Edgar Beckham was an educator and advocate for increased diversity in higher education. For several years in the 1990s, he headed the Ford Foundation's Campus Diversity Initiative. He joined the Foundation in 1990 as a Program Officer in its Education and Culture Program.

Prior to joining the Ford Foundation, Beckham worked for almost 30 years at Wesleyan University. He started at Wesleyan in 1961, teaching German. In 1973, he became the university's first African American Dean of the College.

Other positions Beckham had throughout his career include Chairman of the Connecticut State Board of Education and Senior Fellow at the Association of American Colleges and Universities. Beckham died in 2006.

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