

Biography for

As the Henry Ford Professor and Edward J. Brickhouse Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Eastern Virginia Medical School, Dr. Britt is the first African-American in the country to have an endowed chair in surgery. Dr. Britt is the author of over 300 scientific publications (including 235 peer-reviewed articles in high-impact journals). He is the editor of four books, including the highly touted *Acute Care Surgery* (Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, Medford, NJ). He serves on numerous editorial boards, including the *Annals of Surgery*, *Journal of the American College of Surgeons (Deputy Editor)*, the *American Journal of Surgery (Associate Editor)*, *Archives of Surgery*, *Shock*, the *Journal of Trauma*, *Journal of Surgical Education* and others. In addition, he is a reviewer for the *New England Journal of Medicine*. He is a member of several national and international organizations, including Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, Society of University Surgeons, Southern Surgical Association, Société Internationale de Chirurgie, International Surgical Group (ISG), Halsted Society, American Surgical Association, and others. He has served on the National Institutes of Health study review panels. Dr. Britt has had many national and international leadership positions, including the following:

1. **American College of Surgeons, *President***
2. **Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons, *Chair***
3. **American Surgical Association, *President***
4. **American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, *President***
5. **Halsted Society, *President***
6. **Society of Surgical Chairs, *President***
7. **Southern Surgical Association, *President***
8. **Southeastern Surgical Congress, *President***

Higher Education for excellence in teaching, research and public service. The recipient of this award is selected from over 15,000 faculty members of the 160 state supported and private institutions. Additionally, Dr. Britt has been honored with an Emmy Award by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for his contribution to the television special: "Youth/Violence: A Call To Disarm." Dr. Britt has participated in visiting professorships and distinguished lectureships throughout the world, including the A. Clifford Barger-Hinton Wright Lecture, which is given by a distinguished physician to both the faculty and entire student assembly at Harvard Medical School. Also, he was named the Edward Richardson Visiting Professor at Massachusetts General Hospital. This is considered one of the oldest lectureships at Harvard Medical School. He was named the Deryl Hart Visiting Professor at Duke University, the Woodward Visiting Professor at the University of Florida, the Will C. Moore Visiting Professor at Duke University, the Woodward Visiting Professor at the University of Florida, the Will C. Moore Visiting Professor at Indiana University, the Altemeier Visiting Professor at the University of Cincinnati, the Erb Lecturer for the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery, the Drew-Syphax Visiting Professor for Howard University Hospital, the William R. Drucker Visiting Professor at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and the Felda Hightower Lecturer at Wake Forest University. In 1996, he completed the Miller Visiting Professorship at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. Dr. Britt was selected to be the Foundation Visiting Professor for the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh for their first combined Clinical Congress, which was held in Adelaide, Australia. He has also been a Visiting Professor at both the Royal College of Surgeons of England and Ireland. Dr. Britt was named the 2003 Maurice Galante Visiting Professor for the University of California at San Francisco. In 2004, he was the Distinguished Sherman Lecturer for Southeastern Surgical Clinical Congress. Dr. Britt was the 2005 James Rives Visiting Professor at Louisiana State University and the

the B'NAI B'RITH Great American Traditions Award, the NAACP Man of the Year recognition, and the Community Service Award presented by the Boy Scouts of America for his support of urban scouting. IN addition, he was the honoree featured in the Strong Men and Women: Excellence in Leadership series sponsored by Virginia Power/North Carolina Power. Community leaders have established both a medical school scholarship and community service award in his name. Dr. Britt serves on several other state, national and international boards and is involved in numerous church and community activities. He was featured in Ebony magazine as being a member of the “power elite” (one of the 150 most influential Blacks in America). Atlanta Post recently highlighted him as one of the top 21 black doctors in America. Dr. Britt is the recipient of the 2010 Colgate Darden Scouter Citizen Award and the 2011 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Award (the annual Suffolk city-wide recognition).

President George W. Bush recognized Dr. Britt’s leadership role in medicine and nominated him to the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and he was subsequently confirmed by the United States Senate. At the end of his tenure, Dr. Britt was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. He currently serves as a consultant and is the Distinguished Visiting Surgeon in Combat Trauma Care for the United States Department of Defense.

The National Library of Medicine of the National Institutes of Medicine in collaboration with the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture recently featured Dr. Britt for his contributions to academic surgery. At the inaugural presidential ceremony held in Washington, D.C., during the 96th annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Britt was awarded the U.S. Surgeon General’s medallion for his outstanding achievements in medicine. The Honorable Regina Benjamin, MD, the 18th U.S. Surgeon General, presented this award at a formal ceremony. During the 2011 Clinical Congress held in Senegal, Dr. Britt was also bestowed an Honorary Fellowship in the West African College of Surgeons. He was chosen by the membership to be the 132nd President of the American Surgical Association during its annual meeting. Dr. Britt was also elected to the position of Commissioner of the Joint Commission (formerly JACHO).

In 2012, he was conferred an Honorary Fellowship in the French Academy of Surgery and the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa. Having recently been awarded an Honorary Fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons of Glasgow, Dr. Britt now has the distinction of receiving the highest honor given by each of the four Royal Colleges in the United Kingdom – England, Edinburg, Ireland, and Glasgow. Dr. Britt, author of the term “Acute Care Surgery” and one of the principal architects of this emerging specialty, was the 2013 recipient of the prestigious Roswell Park Medal, honored for his major contributions to American surgery. At the 2015 annual meeting of the Society of Critical Care Medicine, Dr. Britt was bestowed the coveted title of “Master of Critical Care Medicine” (MCCM) by the American College of Critical Care Medicine. Governor Terry McAuliffe appointed Dr. Britt to the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia. His inaugural committee assignments include the Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Audit Committee, Governance Committee, and Education Committee, along with the Medical Center Operations Board. Dr. Britt was most recently selected to give the distinguished Fitts Oration at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma. Also, the Southern Surgical Association awarded Dr. Britt the organization’s highest accolade – Honorary Fellowship – at its 2015 annual meeting.

In May 2016, Dr. Britt was invited to be the inaugural visiting professor for the Courtney M. Townsend