

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Lt. Col. Lucius P. Gregg

PERSON

Gregg, Lucius Perry, 1933-

**Alternative Names:** Lt. Col. Lucius P. Gregg; Lucius Perry Gregg

**Life Dates:** January 16, 1933-

**Place of Birth:** Henderson, North Carolina, USA

**Residence:** Marina Del Rey, CA

**Occupations:** Aircraft Commander

## Biographical Note

Aircraft commander Lucius Perry Gregg, Jr. was born on January 16, 1933 in Henderson, North Carolina to Rachel and Lucius Gregg, Sr. Gregg graduated from Wendell Phillips High School in Chicago, Illinois in 1950, before receiving his B.S. degree from the U.S. Naval Academy as the fourth African American to ever graduate. Gregg received his M.S. degree in aeronautics and astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In 1955, Gregg began his service in the United States Air Force, working as a pilot from 1956 to 1959. In 1961, Gregg became the mission commander for the VIP Squadron at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. Also during this year, Gregg started working for the United States Air Force Office of Scientific Research as a project director in space technology and worked there until 1965.

In 1965, Gregg became the Northwestern University Associate Dean of Science, and was also promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Air Force. In 1969, Gregg became the Alfred P. Sloan Fund program officer, before moving to the First Chicago University Finance Corporation assuming the role of president in 1972.

In 1975, Gregg graduated from the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University Business School, and in 1979, became Vice President and Director of National Public Affairs, and Vice President of Governmental Relations at Citibank/Citicorp. In 1985, Gregg worked as Vice President of Public Affairs for the New York Daily News, before moving to Los Angeles to become the Vice President of Corporate Communications at the Hughes Aircraft Company/Hughes Electronics.

In 1999, Gregg founded the Foundation for the Study of America's Technology Leadership in Marina Del Rey, California. The foundation seeks to understand and raise awareness of the factors that led to America's technology leadership—from the role of innovation to the assimilation of women and minorities into the technology leadership arena.

Gregg has served on numerous technological and scientific boards including the Fermi (AEC) National Accelerator Laboratory, the Academic Board of the U.S. Naval Academy and the National Academy of Science Foundation Commission on Human Resources.

Gregg was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on April 17, 2007.

## Related Entries

**Wendell Phillips Academy High School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Douglas Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**United States Naval Academy** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Master's**

**Harvard Business School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Northwestern University** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Associate Dean and Professor**

**Citibank, N.A.** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Vice President and Director of National Public  
Relations and Government Relations**

**U.S. Air Force** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Lieutenant Colonel**

**Foundation for the Study of America's Technology  
Leadership** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to ?]

## **Founder**

**Alfred P. Sloan Foundation** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1969 to 1972]

## **Program Officer**

**Bristol-Myers** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1979 to 1983]

## **Vice President for Strategic Planning**

**New York Daily News** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1987 to 1989]

## **Vice President for Public Relations**

**Hughes Aircraft Company; Hughes Electronics Corporation** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1989 to 1999]

## **Vice President for Corporate Communications**

**Negro Ensemble Company** [MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]

## **Chairman**

**Roosevelt University Board** [MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]

## **Member**

**National Accelerator Laboratory Board** [MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]

## **Member**

**Corporation for Public Broadcasting** [MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]

## **Board Member**

**Tulane University Board of Visitors** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1975 to 1979]

## **Chair**

**WNET-TV** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1980 to 1988]

**Board Member**