Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Oliver McGee

McGee, Oliver, 1957-

Alternative Names: McGee, Oliver, 1957-

Life Dates: October 28, 1957-

Place of Birth: Cincinnati, Ohio

Residence: Washington, D.C.

Occupations: Civil Engineer; Academic Administrator

Biographical Note

Civil engineer and academic administrator, Oliver G. McGee III, graduated from the The Ohio State University (OSU) in 1981 with his B.S. degree in civil engineering. McGee went on to earn advanced degrees from the University of Arizona, receiving his M.S. degree in civil engineering and his Ph.D. degree in engineering mechanics and aerospace engineering in 1983 and 1988, respectively. He was a graduate teaching associate in the department of civil engineering and engineering mechanics, while attending the University of Arizona. From 1986 to 1988, McGee worked as a senior research associate at OSU. In 2004, McGee earned his M.B.A. degree in business administration and finance from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

In 1997, McGee was appointed senior policy analyst in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) in the Executive Office of the U.S. President. In 1988, McGee began teaching at OSU as an assistant professor of civil engineering and engineering mechanics. In 1992, McGee became the first African American faculty to be promoted to associate professor with tenure in the century and a quarter year history of OSU’s
Oliver G. McGee III was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on September 11, 2012.

Related Entries

Wilson, George [STEPCHILD_OF] Stepfather
McGee, Almeda [GRANDCHILD
Paternal Grandmother

McGee, Sr., Oliver G. [GRANDCHILD
Paternal Grandfather

Espy, Francis [GRANDCHILD
Maternal Grandmother

Arnold, Gene [GRANDCHILD
Maternal Grandfather

McGee, Maurice [SIBLING
Brother

McGee, Jr., Oliver G. [CHILD
Father

McGee, Brenda [SIBLING
Sister

Arnold, Jean [CHILD
Mother

McGee, Sherry [SIBLING
Sister

Ohio State University [STUDENT
[from ? to 1981]

B.S.

University of Arizona [STUDENT
[from ? to 1983]

M.S.

University of Arizona [STUDENT
[from ? to 1988]

Ph.D.

Woodward Career Technical High School [STUDENT
[from ? to 1975]

Diploma

[STUDENT
[from ? to 2004]

M.B.A.

The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania [STUDENT]
[from ? to 2001]

CPD, Certificate of Professional Development, AMP36, Advanced Management Program

Georgia Institute of Technology [EMPLOYEE OF]
[from 1992 to 1997]

Associate Professor

Massachusetts Institute of Technology [EMPLOYEE OF]
[from 1995 to 1997]

MLK Visiting Professor

Georgia Institute of Technology [EMPLOYEE OF]
[from 1997 to 2001]

Special Assistant to the President

White House Office of Science and Technology Policy [EMPLOYEE OF]
[from 1997 to 1999]

Analyst/ Senior Policy Advisor

United States Department of Transportation [EMPLOYEE OF]
[from 1999 to 2001]

Assistant Secretary

Ohio State University [EMPLOYEE OF]
[from 2001 to 2005]

Professor and Chair

United Negro College Fund [EMPLOYEE OF]
[from 2006 to 2010]

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Howard University [EMPLOYEE OF]
[from 2007 to ?]

Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Howard University [EMPLOYEE OF]
[from 2010 to ?]

Vice President for Research and Compliance

NSF Engineering Advisory Board [MEMBER OF]
Board Member

OSU Alumni Advisory Board [MEMBER OF]
Board Member