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Percy E. Murray, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus. He earned his BA and MA in history from North Carolina Central University and Ph.D. in history from Miami (Ohio) University in December 1977. Prior to joining the faculty at North Carolina Central University, he served in professorships at Winston-Salem State University, Miami University, Fayetteville State University and was a faculty member and administrator at North Carolina Central from 1979 -2010.

During his thirty-one-year tenure at NCCU he served for thirteen years as the Chair of the Department of History, Interim Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and retired as Executive Assistant to Chancellor Charlie Nelms. In addition to his academic duties, he served as Chair of the Faculty Senate and-Chaired the University's Strategic Plan Executive Committee.

During his tenure at the university, he was a mentor to numerous students in the History Department and the University at-large.

Professionally, he is a former member of the North Carolina Historical Commission, the N.C. Highway Marker Commission, the Board of Directors for the Hayti Heritage Center, the Board of Directors for Central NC Plan Parenthood and is a life member of the North Carolinian Society.

He is the author of one book and several articles in professional historical journals. He has served as an Adjunct faculty member at North Carolina State University, Shaw University, St. Augustine University, the North Carolina School of the Arts and North Carolina A&T State University.

He serves as a Deacon in his Church, Mount Vernon Baptist Church, and as Executive Director of the Mount Vernon Community Development Corporation. In his spare time, he enjoys reading and

playing golf. He is currently completing a biography on the life of Rev. Dr. William McCoy, the second African American Chaplain in the US Federal Prison System.

He is married to Carol W. Murray, who was an Instructor in the English Department, and they have one daughter, Amber Murray who is a Managing Director and General Counsel for Jamestown LP in Atlanta, Georgia.