

SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF CRYSTAL A. deGREGORY

Known for her collaborative advocacy and entrepreneurial leadership, critically-acclaimed historian and storyteller Dr. CRYSTAL A. deGREGORY is a research fellow at Middle Tennessee State University's Center for Historic Preservation in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and is the founder of HBCUstory.

A native of The Bahamas, she offers a wide range of expertise on multiple topics including race, women and girls, history, culture, education, and of course, historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

Her words have appeared in numerous publications including *The New York Times*, *TIME*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *USA Today*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. Likewise, deGregory's vast storytelling experience includes addressing academic and public audiences at TEDx, Nashville Public Television and the University of The Bahamas—North, as well as at countless American universities including The New School as well as Harvard, Howard, Michigan-Ann Arbor, Tennessee State, and Vanderbilt universities.

A proud graduate of Fisk and Tennessee State universities, she holds four degrees including a Doctor of Philosophy in history from Vanderbilt University. Among her myriad professional and civic affiliations is trusteeship of The Kamalamee Organization and membership with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Most recently, Dr. deGregory was an associate professor of history who also served as the award-winning founding director of the Atwood Institute for Race, Education, and the Democratic Ideal at Kentucky State University.

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