

CARVER C. GAYTON



2016 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient

Summary

Carver C. Gayton has had a distinguished career as a teacher, a university administrator, a corporate and government executive, and a public historian. He completed his BA and MA at UW before earning his PhD in Political Science in 1974. In his early career Dr. Gayton taught at Garfield High, became the first African American FBI agent from Washington State, was UW's first director of diversity programs, and was a professor at Florida State University. During 18 years as a Boeing executive, Dr. Gayton developed innovative education programs and managed university relations. He then led the WA State Employment Security Dept. for four years before returning to work at UW's Evans School. He is an author and editor of books on history and was the founding Executive Director of the Northwest African American History Museum. A "Husky Football Legend," Dr. Gayton has been recognized locally and nationally as a pioneering educator and community leader.

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