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Dr Robert Francis "Bob" Engs, Jr

BIRTH	10 Nov 1943 Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado, USA
DEATH	14 Jan 2013 (aged 69) Williamsburg, Williamsburg City, Virginia, USA
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Robert was the elder son of Robert Francis and Myrtle C. Engs. He attended Frankfurt American High School in Frankfurt, Germany, where he was Class President during his Sophomore and Junior years.

He went on to earn a B.A. degree from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs in 1965. While at Princeton he participated in founding the Princeton Summer Studies Program, an intensive college preparatory program for minority and disadvantaged New Jersey public high school students, which became the model for the Upward Bound programs of the late 1960s.

Robert then received his Ph.D. in History from Yale University in 1972, and began his teaching career at the University of Pennsylvania when he was appointed Assistant Professor of History. A year after joining the faculty, Provost Stellar



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appointed him as the director for Minority Faculty Recruitment. He played an important role in enhancing the presence of minorities in both faculty and student body at the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1979 Dr. Eng was promoted to Associate Professor. In addition to his teaching assignments, he was actively involved the Department of History administration. he served as chair of the undergraduate program from 1987 to 1992 and again in 2000 as well as director of the American History Honors Seminar.

His areas of concentration in teaching were African American History, Civil War and Reconstruction, and History of the United States South.



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