

Gregory, H.F. "Pete"



Co-Founder of the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival, Researcher and Writer of Louisiana Cultures, Professor of Anthropology, Curator of the Williamson Museum

H.F. "Pete" Gregory, like co-founder Don Hatley, probably had little idea that the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival he worked so hard to produce in 1980 would become a tradition for more than 37 years.

Gregory, who is a Professor of Anthropology, has conducted research in a variety of Louisiana Cultures in addition to his work with the Folk Festival. Gregory has written numerous articles regarding Native Americans and has co-authored book length studies relating to the Southeastern Indians. His work with the Creole Community in the Cane River area augmented the founding of the Louisiana Creole Heritage Center at Northwestern State University.

Gregory has tirelessly dedicated documentation of their folk and cultural traditions. Gregory curates the Williamson Museum and has accrued, through donations and purchases, one of the most extensive and rare collections of Native American basketry and artifacts. Gregory continues to teach courses in Anthropology, and each semester, his many students praise his skill, knowledge, and teaching.

In 2004, Gregory was inducted into the Louisiana Folklife Center's Hall of Master Folk Artists.

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