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Dr. H. Gregory Smith, NGA's chief scientist, serves as the agency senior scientific official, working across the Agency and the Community to develop NGA's scientific and technical personnel and advanced research program.

He has been with NGA since its inception, functioning in senior technical and management positions in the areas of geospatial sciences, research and development, technology, and information. Most recently, he served as the Deputy Director of the Intelligence Community's Advanced Research and Development Activity (ARDA) at NSA. Dr. Smith also represents NGA on a number of committees including the DCI's Scientific and Technical Intelligence Committee (STIC), the DCI's Advanced Research and Development Committee, the Intelligence Community AD&D Coordinating Committee and the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Steering Committee.



Prior to beginning his government career in 1995, Dr. Smith spent nearly 20 years in senior technical and management positions in industry and academia. His career began while pursuing a Master's degree at the University of California, Berkeley, where he held research and post-graduate positions with the Remote Sensing Research Program (RSRP), Space Sciences Laboratory.

After completing his Master's degree, he pursued a Ph.D. at Oregon State University where he also held a research appointment at the Environmental Remote Sensing Applications Laboratory (ERSAL). At ERSAL he applied small format aerial imagery and Landsat multispectral scanner data to wildlife habitat inventory and wildfire rehabilitation. After completing his Ph.D. in Physical Geography, Dr. Smith accepted a position with Lockheed Engineering and Sciences Corp. at the Johnson Space Center (JSC) to continue work on the application of multispectral imagery in automated global crop inventories and Agricultural and Resource Surveys Through Aerospace Remote Sensing programs. While at JSC, Dr. Smith also contributed to the first evaluations of Landsat 4 Thematic Mapper data. He is a member of the Association of American Geographers and the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

Currently residing in Montgomery Village, Md., he is married to the former Eleanor Koerner of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and has two children. Philip Gregory is a student at the Pennsylvania State University, and Megan Leigh is a high school student in Gaithersburg.

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