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An Interview with Dr. Robert Poorman

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Dr. Robert Poorman was born in December, 1926, and graduated from Germantown High School in Ohio. He earned a bachelor of science degree and also a master's degree from Ohio State University, and received his Ph.D. from UCLA. He began his career working at junior colleges in Phoenix, Arizona and Bakersfield, California. In 1976 he became the first President at Lincoln Land Community College. Dr. Poorman served in this capacity until 1988. Later he became interim President at Parkland and taught Community College Studies as part of Fulbright Studies. He traveled throughout the world teaching those courses. This interview highlights the challenges faced at Lincoln Land Community College during its earliest years, and its growth over an eleven county area, and later stretching to fifteen counties.

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