

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Bernice Baynes Brown

PERSON

Brown, Bernice Baynes, 1935-2009

Alternative Names: Bernice Baynes Brown;

Life Dates: June 19, 1935-July 24, 2009

Place of Birth: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA

Residence: San Francisco, California

Work: San Francisco, California

Occupations: Academic Administrator

Biographical Note

Educator and advocate Bernice Baynes Brown was born on June 19, 1935 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Pittsburgh's Perry High School in 1953 before attending Carnegie Mellon University where she earned her B.F.A. She later pursued graduate work in education at the University of Pittsburgh and earned her M.Ed.

She began her career in education teaching art courses at Carlow College in Pittsburgh before relocating to San Francisco, where she lectured in art history at California State University and worked as an Education Specialist for the Bay Area Urban League. In 1968, she joined Lone Mountain College as an Assistant Professor in the Education Department and in just four years became the Dean of Students. In 1976, Brown left Lone Mountain to work for the San Francisco Public Schools Commission as its Director and Commissioner. One year later, she began a ten-year run as the Program Executive for the San Francisco Foundation. For the next four years, Brown served as the Vice-President of Educational Consulting Services for Academic Enterprises while acting as Foundation Administrator for the Clorox Company Foundation.

Brown worked for the City College of San Francisco beginning in 1991. She was the Dean of Faculty and Staff Development and the Campus Dean for the Southeast Campus, and acted as the Dean of Workforce Education.

Throughout her career, she was an active advocate for education. She served as the Chair of the Vocational Educational Advisory Committee for California Schools and Colleges. She sat on the boards of directors of the Association of Black Foundation Executives, the Northern California Grantmakers, the Foundation for Community

Service Cable Television, the Women and Foundations/Corporate Philanthropy group, the San Francisco African American Historical and Cultural Society, and the Commonwealth Club of California. She was a Trustee for both the San Francisco Bar Association Foundation and the Schools of the Sacred Hearts. She acted on the Steering Committee and as the Chair for the Council on Foundations' Pre-Collegiate Education Group. She remained on the boards of Global Educators, Urban Economic Development Corporations and the High Scope Education Research Foundation until the end of her life.

Brown passed away on July 24, 2009 at age 74.

Related Entries

University of Pittsburgh [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Carnegie Mellon University [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Robert Lee Vann Elementary School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Mcnaugher Special Education Center [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Perry Traditional Academy [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Carlow College [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Professor

California State University [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1976 to 1980]

Art History Professor

Clorox Company Foundation [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Foundation Administrator

City College of San Francisco [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Campus Dean for the Southeast Campus

City College of San Francisco [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Dean of Workforce Education

Lone Mountain College [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2002 to 2002]

Assistant Professor

Lone Mountain College [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1972 to 1976]

Dean of Students

San Francisco Public Schools Commission [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1976 to 1977]

Director and Commissioner

San Francisco Foundation [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1977 to 1987]

Program Executive

Academic Enterprises [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1987 to 1991]

Vice-President of Educational Consulting Services

City College of San Francisco [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1991 to 2009]

Dean of Faculty and Staff Development

Schools of the Sacred Heart, San Francisco [MEMBEROF]

[from 1980 to 1987]

Trustee

Women and Foundations/Corporate Philanthropy [MEMBEROF]

[from 1985 to 1987]

Board Member

Commonwealth Club of California [MEMBEROF]

[from 1987 to 1990]

Board Member

Global Educators [MEMBEROF]

[from 1987 to 2009]

Board Member

Stanford University [MEMBEROF]

[from 1987 to 1988]

Visiting Scholar

San Francisco African American Historical and Cultural Society [MEMBEROF]

[from 1987 to 1989]

Board Member

Urban Economic Development Corporations [MEMBEROF]

[from 1988 to 2009]

Board Member

Chancellor's Task Force on Cultural and Ethnic Diversity (University of California, San Francisco) [MEMBEROF]
[from 1988 to 1989]

Member

Art Organization Task Force [MEMBEROF]
[from 1989 to 1990]

Member

HighScope Educational Research Foundation [MEMBEROF]
[from 1990 to 2009]

Board Member