

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with The Honorable Lorraine Miller

PERSON

Miller, Lorraine C., 1948-

Alternative Names: The Honorable Lorraine Miller;

Life Dates: May 6, 1948-

Place of Birth: Fort Worth, Texas, USA

Residence: Washington, District of Columbia

Work: Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Occupations: Federal Government Appointee

Biographical Note

Political administrator Lorraine C. Miller was born on May 6, 1948 in Fort Worth, Texas to Lena Marie and Johnnie C. Miller. After graduating from Como Junior Senior High School in 1966, Miller enrolled at Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas. In 1968, she began attending the University of North Texas, where she received her B.A. degree in political science in 1972. Miller would later attend Georgetown University and graduate in 1998 with her executive M.B.A degree.

Miller initially worked as a high school government teacher in Fort Worth before she was hired by the Maryland Legislature in the late 1970s and enrolled in classes at American University in Washington, D.C. In 1978, she was hired to work for U.S. Congressman Jim Wright (TX) as his executive assistant when he was Speaker of the House from 1987 to 1989. Subsequently, Miller joined the staff of House Speaker Tom Foley (WA) and U.S. Congressman John Lewis (GA) in the early 1990s. In the mid-1990s, Miller served two years in the White House as the Deputy Assistant to President William J. Clinton. She then served as the Director of Government Relations for the Federal Trade Commission from 1995 to 1999. In 1999, Miller was appointed Chief of the Consumer Information Bureau for the Federal Communications Commission. She served as senior advisor to House Minority Whip Nancy Pelosi from 2001 until 2007, when Pelosi named Miller the Clerk of the House of Representatives, becoming the first African American to both hold that seat and to serve as an officer of the U.S. House of Representatives. She remained in these roles until 2011 after which she returned to the state of Texas and began a career in real estate with Keller Williams Preferred Properties and Northern Crain Realty in Fort Worth.

In 2004, Miller was elected president of the Washington, D.C. branch of the NAACP. Then, in 2008, she was elected to the NAACP National Board of Directors. From November 2013 to May 2014, Miller served as the interim president and CEO of the NAACP. She joined the Association of Secretaries Generals of Parliaments in 2010. In 2012, Miller became a member of the board of directors of DC Vote and a member of the Greater Capital Area Association of Realtors. She served as a Superdelegate for the state of Texas at the 2016 Democratic National Convention and as a co-chair of the Democratic National Committee's Rules and Bylaws Committee.

Miller lives in Fort Worth, Texas.

Lorraine C. Miller was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on July 27, 2013 and on May 9, 2022.

Related Entries

Como Montessori [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Harvard University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Certification Program

Georgetown University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

M.B.A.

Como Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Jarvis Christian College [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

University of North Texas [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.S.

American University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Fort Worth Independent School District [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Peer Advisor

Keller Williams Preferred Properties [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1970 to 1983]

Salesman

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 199911 to 200009]

Chief, Consumer Information Bureau

Democratic Steering and Policy Committee - U.S. House of Representatives

[EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1989 to 1992]

Legislative assistant

United States House of Representatives [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1992 to 1993]

Chief Floor Assistant to the Chief Deputy Democratic Whip John Lewis

White House [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1993 to 1995]

Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs (House)

Federal Trade Commission [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1995 to 1999]

Director, Office of Congressional Relations

United States House of Representatives [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 200702 to 20110105]

Clerk

American Federation of Teachers [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 20010304 to 200204]

Assistant to the President for Government and Community Relations

Office of Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 200205 to 200702]

Senior Advisor and Director of Intergovernmental Relations

Office of the Vice President of the United States [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 200009 to ?]

Executive Director, White House Community Empowerment Board

Henry C. Gregory Family Life Center Foundation Board of Directors, Shiloh

Baptist Church [MEMBEROf]

[from 2001 to 2008]

Member

NAACP, Washington, DC Branch [MEMBEROf]

[from 2004 to 2010]

President, First Vice President

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) [MEMBEROf]

[from 2007 to ?]

Board Member, Chair, Advocacy & Policy Committee

House of Representatives Page Board [MEMBEROf]

[from 2007 to ?]

Member

Capitol Preservation Commission [MEMBEROF]
[from 2007 to ?]

Member

Continuity of Congress Board [MEMBEROF]
[from 2007 to ?]

Member

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress [MEMBEROF]
[from 2007 to 2011]

Chair, Co-Chair

Association of Secretaries Generals of Parliament [MEMBEROF]
[from 2010 to ?]

Member

DC Vote [MEMBEROF]
[from 2012 to ?]

Board Member

Greater Capital Area Association of Realtors [MEMBEROF]
[from 2012 to ?]

Member