

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Faithe A. Thomas-Colas

PERSON

Thomas-Colas, Faithe A., 1961-

Alternative Names: Faithe A. Thomas-Colas;

Life Dates: June 22, 1961-

Place of Birth: Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

Residence: Milwaukee, WI

Occupations: Publisher

Biographical Note

Publisher Faithe A. Thomas-Colas was born on June 22, 1961, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Helen McCray and Floyd Thomas. Colas graduated from John Marshall High School in 1979.

Thomas-Colas began her career at The Milwaukee Courier in the 1980s as a sales executive and later served as advertising manager, associate publisher, and editor. In 2004, Thomas-Colas was named publisher of The Milwaukee Courier. She has been a WMCS radio show panelist and has co-hosted What's Going On? on MATA community television. Thomas-Colas was selected as the new co-host for Milwaukee Public Television's Black Nouveau. Thomas-Colas became the community affairs director of the Salvation Army, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division, in November of 2007.

Thomas-Colas has been the recipient of several community awards including the U.S. Postal Service's Women Putting Their Stamp on Metro Milwaukee 2002. In 2003, she received the Images of Us Sports Award recognizing women in journalism and the Andrew S. Douglas 2003-2004 Community Service Award. Thomas-Colas serves on the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund Corporate Advisory Board, and she is co-chair of the NAACP Environmental Justice Task Force. She is a member of the NAACP Executive Committee, a vice president of the Wisconsin Black Media Association, and active in several other community and professional organizations. Thomas-Colas is the president and a founding member of Dark Pearl Rising, an African American arts alliance comprised of Ko-Thi Dance Company, African American Children's Theatre, Hansberry Sands Theatre Company, City Ballet Theatre, Art In Motion, Milwaukee Dance Connection and My Window Productions. Colas is a member of The Publishers Group, which has created the internet site Bronzeville-

Milwaukee.com to promote greater understanding of the history of Milwaukee's Bronzeville. She is also the co-producer for a documentary on Milwaukee's black factory workers, *Punching In: A Tribute to the African American Factory Worker* in Milwaukee.

Related Entries

John Marshall High School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Milwaukee Lutheran High School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

St. Leo Catholic Urban Academy [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Clarke Street Elementary [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Eighty-Second Street Elementary School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Pilgrim Lutheran [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Milwaukee Courier [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Publisher and Editor

Salvation Army, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Community Affairs Director

WNOV, Milwaukee, Wisc. [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1984 to ?]

Various