

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Angela Dodson

PERSON

**Dodson, Angela P.**

**Alternative Names:** Angela Dodson;

**Life Dates:** May 24, 1951-

**Place of Birth:** Beckley, West Virginia, USA

**Residence:** Trenton, NJ

**Occupations:** Newspaper Editor; Magazine Editor

## Biographical Note

Newspaper, magazine and books editor Angela P. Dodson was born on May 24, 1951 in Beckley, West Virginia to parents William Alfred, Sr., and Kira Evelyn. Dodson received her B.A. degree in journalism in 1973 from Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia and her M.A. degree in journalism and public affairs in 1979 from American University in Washington, D.C.

Having served as an intern at the Charleston Gazette, she accepted a full time position as a reporter for the Huntington Advertiser and later as a news correspondent with its parent company Gannett Co. Inc. at Gannett News Service in the Washington, D.C. bureau, and later for the Rochester Times Union. She also worked for the Washington Star, and the Courier Journal of Louisville, Kentucky. In 1983, Dodson moved to the New York Times as a National Desk copy editor and was soon promoted to editor for the "Living" section and head of the Style Department. In 1992, Dodson became the first African American woman promoted to be a senior editor at The New York Times.

After leaving the New York Times in 1995, Dodson contributed articles and served as an editor for various publications, including Essence and Black Issues Book Review, before being named executive editor of the book review in 2003. In 2007, she became a freelance editor, writer and publishing consultant, contributing frequently to DIVERSE: Issues In Higher Education. Dodson has edited and ghost-written many books for major publishers and numerous self-published authors. In 2012, she founded Editorsoncall LLC.

Dodson has been a consultant for the Maynard Institute for Journalism Education and Hampton University and is the host of an award-winning radio program, Black Catholics, Yes!, for the Diocese of Trenton, New Jersey. She has taught workshops on

writing and editing for many organizations including the National Black Writers Conference, the National Association of Black Journalists, the American Press Institute, the American Society of Newspaper Editors, and the Maynard Institute's Editing Program. She has served as an adjunct faculty member at Mercer County Community College.

Dodson was honored at Marshall University as the Black Alumna of the Year in 1998 and as a Distinguished Alumna in the School of Journalism in 1989. Dodson received a Black Achiever in Industry Award from the Harlem Y.M.C.A. in 1990 and the Feature Writing Award from the New York Association of Black Journalists in 2000.

Dodson lives in Trenton, New Jersey with her husband, Michael I. Days, editor of the Daily News of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They have four adopted sons.

Angela Dodson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on March 7, 2013.

## Related Entries

**West Side Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**1st - 5th grade**

**Meyersdale Area Middle School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**6th - 7th grade**

**Woodrow Wilson High School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**8th grade**

**Marmet Junior High School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**9th grade**

**East Bank High School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Diploma**

**Marshall University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**B.A.**

**American University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**M.A.**

**Black Catholics YES** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Host**

**Charleston Gazette** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 197206 to 197208]

**Copy Desk Intern**

**Louisville Courier-Journal** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1977 to ?]

**Editor**

**New York Times** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1977 to ?]

**Senior Editor**

**Huntington Advertiser** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1972 to 1974]

**Reporter**

**Essence Magazine** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1996 to 1999]

**Editor**

**Mercy County Community College** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 2002 to 2003]

**Adjunct Faculty**

**Black Issues Book Review** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 2003 to 2007]

**Executive Editor**

**Editorsoncall, LLC** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 2007 to ?]

**Editor and Founder**

**Rochester Times-Union** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 197907 to 198007]

**Editor**

**Gannett News Service** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 197408 to 197906]

**Correspondent/Editor**

**Washington Star** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1981 to ?]

**Editor**

**Blessed Sacrament-Our Lady of the Divine Shepherd** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1972 to ?]

**Ivy League Chapter Reporter**

**National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ)** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1977 to ?]

**Former National Secretary**

**National Congress of Black Women** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 2008 to ?]

**Member**

**Ladies Auxiliary Knights of St. John International** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 2010 to ?]

**Trustee**

**Gospel Music Workshop of America** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 2011 to ?]

**Member, Central New Jersey Chapter**