

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Karen Hill-Scott

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Hill-Scott, Karen

**Alternative Names:** Karen Hill-Scott;

**Life Dates:** December 5, 1946-

**Place of Birth:** Chicago, Illinois, USA

**Residence:** Los Angeles, California

**Work:** Los Angeles, California

**Occupations:** Education Consultant; Educator

## Biographical Note

Educator and consultant Karen Hill-Scott received her M.A. and Ed.D. degrees in education from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). As a student, she was awarded both the Danforth and Chancellor's Fellowships. Upon graduation, Hill-Scott received the "Outstanding Graduate Student" honor from UCLA's School of Education.

Hill-Scott co-founded Crystal Stairs, one of California's largest non-profit child development agencies, served as an adjunct professor at the UCLA School of Management, and has consistently contributed to child development policy through consulting and public service. She founded and served as president of Karen Hill-Scott, Inc., where she has worked to translate theory into practical content. Hill-Scott is the chief educational consultant for NBC/ION Networks and has previously consulted for Baby Einstein Company, Discovery Kids (on NBC), Nickelodeon, the Disney Channel, and the Jim Henson Company. She was the principal consultant for the TRW (now Northrop Grumman) work-family programs, and developed the on-site child development center for the company.

Hill-Scott's publications include book chapters in the historical volume NBC: America's Network (2007), The Handbook of Children's Television (2001), Managing Quality in Child Development Programs (2000), and several technical reports on child care management and inter-agency collaboration. Hill-Scott was chair of the State of California School Readiness Work Group and the Universal Pre-school Task Force, where she was involved in the writing of several published reports including "The California School Readiness Master Plan" (2002), and "Ready to Learn: Universal Pre-

school in California” (1999). She has also authored “The Sky’s the Limit: the Los Angeles Universal Preschool Master Plan.”

Hill-Scott has served as chair of the State of California School Readiness Master Plan for the State Senate Joint Committee, co-chair of the Universal Preschool Task Force for the California Department of Education, and served on the National Pre-Kindergarten Committee for the Education Commission of the States. Hill Scott was also appointed to the State of California First 5 Commission, as well as the board of directors for the Foundation for Child Development and Crystal Stairs, Inc.

Hill-Scott has been consistently recognized for her outstanding service to the Los Angeles community. She was named the Preschool California’s Hero of Month in October 2006. Hill-Scott is the recipient of the Proven Achievers Award from KJLH and the Walt Disney Company, the John Harvard Award for Community Service, the SCLC-Rosa Parks Award for Social Justice, a Woman of the Year Award from the County Commission on the Status of Women, a Woman of History Award from KCET Television, a Woman of the Year Award from the Santa Monica YWCA, an Inspirational Woman of the Year from NAWBO-LA, and the Tom Bradley Alumnus of the Year Award from UCLA.

A resident of Los Angeles, Hill-Scott is married to Dr. T.V. Scott, an ophthalmologist. They have four children, and eight grandchildren.

Karen Hill-Scott was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on December 16, 2013.

## Related Entries

**University of California, Los Angeles** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Ed.D.**

**Mark Twain Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Enterprise Middle School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Centennial High School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Pepperdine University** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**University of California, Los Angeles** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**M.A.**

**Crystal Stairs** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Co-Founder**

**University of California, Los Angeles School of Management** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Adjunct Professor**

**Karen Hill-Scott, Inc.** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Founder and President**

**NBC** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Chief Educational Consultant**

**Baby Einstein Company** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Consultant**

**Discovery Kids** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Consultant**

**Nickelodeon** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Consultant**

**Disney Channel** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Consultant**

**Jim Henson Company** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Consultant**

**TRW (Northrop Grumman)** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Principal Consultant**

**State of California School Readiness Work Group** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Chair**

**Universal Pre-school Task Force** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Chair**

**State of California School Readiness Master Plan for the State Senate Joint Committee** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Chair**

**Universal Pre-school Task Force for the California Department of Education**

[MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Co-Chair**

**National Pre-Kindergarten Committee for the Education Commission of the States**

[MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Committee Member**

**State of California First 5 Commission** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Appointed Member**

**Foundation for Child Development** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Board Member**

**Crystal Stairs, Inc.** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Board Member**