

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Reverend Julie Johnson Staples

PERSON

Staples, Julie Johnson 1957-

Alternative Names: Reverend Julie Johnson Staples;

Life Dates: January 11, 1957-

Place of Birth: Des Moines, Iowa, USA

Residence: Brooklyn, NY

Work: New York, NY

Occupations: Journalist

Biographical Note

Journalist, corporate executive and minister Reverend Julie Johnson Staples was born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa. In 1978, she received her B.S. degree in journalism from the William Allen White School of Journalism and Public Information at the University of Kansas.

Johnson Staples was first hired as a reporter for regional newspapers including the Orlando Sentinel and the Baltimore Sun, where she was a White House correspondent. In the late 1980s, Johnson Staples was appointed as a White House correspondent for The New York Times. A few years later she left The New York Times to work as the Supreme Court correspondent for TIME magazine, and then as the Justice Department correspondent for ABC News.

In 1994, Johnson Staples received her J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center. Also in the 1990s, she worked as a visiting professor in the School of Communication, Information and Library Studies at Rutgers University. In addition, she was a guest speaker and lecturer at such prestigious institutions as Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, and the Ford Hall Forum in Boston, Massachusetts.

In 1998, Johnson Staples was named senior managing director and director of the U.S. Media Services practice for Hill and Knowlton. In the early 2000s, she joined the private equity firm of Warburg Pincus as a vice president. She was then promoted to managing director in 2003, and was later named the first African American woman partner at Warburg Pincus.

After almost a decade at Warburg Pincus, Johnson Staples returned to school and received her M.Div. degree in Biblical Studies/Hebrew Bible from the Union Theological Seminary in 2011 and was ordained as a Congregational minister at Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, New York. In 2012, she received her Th.M. degree in Religion, Literature and Culture at Harvard Divinity School and was named interim minister for education at The Riverside Church in New York City.

Johnson Staples serves as moderator of the New York-New Jersey Regional Association of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC), and is a member of the NACCC national ambassador team, executive committee and board of directors. She was a fellow of the Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies and has served on the Georgetown University Law Center board of visitors; the University of Kansas Journalism School's board of trustees; the board of the Congregational Library of the Congregational Christian Historical Society in Boston, Massachusetts; and the Peace Action of New York State board of directors. Johnson Staples is also former chair of the board of directors of healthywomen.org and Changing Women's Health Naturally (P.B).

Johnson Staples is married, lives in Brooklyn, New York, and has one son.

Reverend Julie Johnson Staples was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on July 16, 2014.

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The New York Times [EMPLOYEEOF]

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White House Correspondent

TIME Magazine [EMPLOYEEOf]

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Supreme Court Correspondent

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Rutgers University [EMPLOYEEOf]

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Visiting Professor

Warburg Pincus [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from ? to ?]

Partner

Hill and Knowlton [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1998 to ?]

Senior Managing Director; Director of U.S. Media Services

Warburg Pincus [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 2001 to 2003]

Vice President

Warburg Pincus [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 2003 to ?]

Managing Director

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Interim Minister for Education

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