

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Hon. Monique Davis

PERSON

Davis, Monique , 1936-

Alternative Names: Davis, Monique , 1936-;

Life Dates: August 19, 1936-

Place of Birth: Chicago, Illinois

Residence: Chicago, Illinois (from ? to ?)

Occupations: Illinois State Representative

Biographical Note

Monique Dionne Davis was born August 19, 1936, in Chicago to James and Constance McKay. After graduating from Calumet High School at age sixteen, Davis attended one semester at Chicago State University, leaving to get married and move to Denver. After having two children, Robert and Monique, Davis returned to Chicago State University and received her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1966. The following January, Davis began teaching at Gresham Elementary School in Chicago. She later returned to school to earn a master's degree in guidance and counseling.

Davis' political career began as a volunteer to Democratic candidates Gus Savage, Monica Faith Stewart and Harold Washington. In 1986, she was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives, where she serves today. Davis has sat on the committees on appropriation, consumer protection, urban redevelopment, public utilities and election law. She is the vice-chairperson of the Elementary-Secondary Education Committee.

Monique Davis is active in many organizations and the recipient of several awards, including Teacher of the Year from Gresham School, Teacher Who Makes a Difference from the Center for New Schools, and Excellent Legislator from Operation PUSH and the Department of Aging.

Monique Davis was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on July 7, 2000.

Related Entries

Davis, Robert [PARENTOF]
Son

Davis, Monique [PARENTOF]
Daughter

Gillespie Elem School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Calumet Career Prep Academy Hs [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Chicago State University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

DePaul University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Del Farm Grocery Store [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1954 to 1958]

Cashier

Chicago Public Schools [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1967 to 2005]

Teacher and Administrator

Illinois General Assembly [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1986 to ?]

State Representative

Operation PUSH (U.S.) [MEMBEROF]
Member

NAACP [MEMBEROF]
Member

Phi Delta Kappa [MEMBEROF]
Member

Chicago Area Alliance of Black School Educators [MEMBEROF]

Trinity United Church of Christ [MEMBEROF]

Chicago Teachers Union [MEMBEROF]
Member

[MEMBEROF]