

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Bernice Baynes Brown

PERSON

Brown, Bernice , 1935-

**Alternative Names:** Brown, Bernice , 1935-;

**Life Dates:** June 19, 1935-July 24, 2009

**Place of Birth:** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Residence:** San Francisco, California (from ? to ?)

**Occupations:** Academic Administrator

## Biographical Note

Educator and advocate Bernice Baynes Brown was born on June 19, 1935 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Pittsburgh's Perry High School in 1953 before attending Carnegie Mellon University where she earned her B.F.A. She later pursued graduate work in education at the University of Pittsburgh and earned her M.Ed.

She began her career in education teaching art courses at Carlow College in Pittsburgh before relocating to San Francisco, where she lectured in art history at California State University and worked as an Education Specialist for the Bay Area Urban League. In 1968, she joined Lone Mountain College as an Assistant Professor in the Education Department and in just four years became the Dean of Students. In 1976, Brown left Lone Mountain to work for the San Francisco Public Schools Commission as its Director and Commissioner. One year later, she began a ten-year run as the Program Executive for the San Francisco Foundation. For the next four years, Brown served as the Vice-President of Educational Consulting Services for Academic Enterprises while acting as Foundation Administrator for the Clorox Company Foundation.

Brown has worked for the City College of San Francisco since 1991. She was the Dean of Faculty and Staff Development and the Campus Dean for the Southeast Campus, and currently acts as the Dean of Workforce Education.

Throughout her career, she has been an active advocate for education. She served as the Chair of the Vocational Educational Advisory Committee for California Schools and Colleges. She has sat on the boards of directors of the

Association of Black Foundation Executives, the Northern California Grantmakers, the Foundation for Community Service Cable Television, the Women and Foundations/Corporate Philanthropy group, the San Francisco African American Historical and Cultural Society, and the Commonwealth Club of California. She has been a Trustee for both the San Francisco Bar Association Foundation and the Schools of the Sacred Hearts. She has acted on the Steering Committee and as the Chair for the Council on Foundations' Pre-Collegiate Education Group. She remains on the boards of Global Educators, Urban Economic Development Corporations and the High Scope Education Research Foundation. Brown passed away on July 24, 2009.

## Related Entries

**Brown, James** [SPOUSEOF]  
Husband

**Brown, Kiyeseni A.** [PARENTOF]  
Daughter

**Baynes, Henrietta (Hodges)** [CHILDOF]  
Mother

**Wood, Virginia (Baynes)** [SIBLINGOF]  
Sister

**Baynes, Jacques Virgil** [SIBLINGOF]  
Brother

**Baynes, Howard** [CHILDOF]  
Father

**University of Pittsburgh** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Carnegie Mellon University** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Vann Robert Lee El Sch** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to 1947]

**Mcnaugher Sp Ed Ctr** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to 1949]

**Perry Traditional Academy** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to 1953]

**Carlow College** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to ?]

Professor

**California State University** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to ?]

Art History Professor

**Clorox Company Foundation** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Foundation Administrator**

**City College of San Francisco** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Campus Dean for the Southeast Campus**

**City College of San Francisco** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Dean of Workforce Education**

**Lone Mountain College** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1968 to 1972]

**Assistant Professor**

**Lone Mountain College** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1972 to 1976]

**Dean of Students**

**San Francisco Public Schools Commission** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1976 to 1977]

**Director and Commissioner**

**San Francisco Foundation** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1977 to 1987]

**Program Executive**

**Academic Enterprises** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1987 to 1991]

**Vice-President of Educational Consulting Services**

**City College of San Francisco** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1991 to 2009]

**Dean of Faculty and Staff Development**

**Schools of the Sacred Heart, San Francisco** [MEMBEROf]  
**Trustee**

**Women and Foundations/Corporate Philanthropy** [MEMBEROf]  
**Board Member**

**Commonwealth Club of California** [MEMBEROf]  
**Board Member**

**Global Educators** [MEMBEROf]  
**Board Member**

**Stanford University** [MEMBEROf]  
**Visiting Scholar**

**San Francisco African American Historical and Cultural Society** [MEMBEROf]  
**Board Member**

**Urban Economic Development Corporations** [MEMBEROf]

**Board Member**

**Chancellor's Task Force on Cultural and Ethnic Diversity (University of California, San Francisco) [MEMBEROF]**  
**Member**

**Art Organization Task Force [MEMBEROF]**  
**Member**

**High/Scope Education Research Foundation [MEMBEROF]**  
**Board Member**

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