Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Asa Hilliard, III

Hilliard, Asa G.

Alternative Names: Asa Hilliard, III;

Life Dates: August 22, 1933-August 12, 2007

Place of Birth: Galveston, Texas, USA

Residence: Atlanta, Georgia

Occupations: Educational Psychology Professor

Biographical Note

A professor of educational psychology, Asa Hilliard, III, was born in Galveston, Texas, on August 22, 1933. After completing high school, Hilliard attended the University of Denver, earning his B.A. degree in 1955; his M.A. degree in counseling in 1961; and his Ed.D. degree in educational psychology in 1963.

After earning his bachelor’s in psychology, Hilliard began teaching in the Denver Public School system, where he remained until 1960; that year, he began as a
teaching fellow at the University of Denver, where he
remained until he earned his Ph.D. Joining the faculty
at San Francisco State University in 1963, Hilliard
spent the next eighteen years there. While at San
Francisco State, Hilliard first became department
chairman, then went on to spend his final eight years as
dean of education. Hilliard also served as a consultant
to the Peace Corps and as superintendent of schools in
Monrovia, Liberia, for two years. Departing from San
Francisco State, Hilliard became a professor at Georgia
State University; he served as the Fuller E. Callaway
Professor of Urban Education, serving in both the
Department of Educational Policy Studies and the
Department of Educational Psychology and Special
Education.

Hilliard was a founding member of the Association for
the Study of Classical African Civilizations and served
as vice president. He served as an expert witness in
court testimony on several federal cases regarding test
validity and bias, and was the co-developer of an
educational television series, Free Your Mind, Return
to the Source: African Origins. Hilliard wrote hundreds
of articles on a wide variety of topics, including
ancient African history, teaching strategies, and public
policy. Hilliard was the recipient of the Outstanding
Scholarship Award from the Association of Black
Psychologists; a Knight Commander of the Human
Order of the African Redemption; and the
Distinguished Leadership Award from the Association
of Teachers of Education.

Hilliard and his wife, Patsy Jo, raised four children.

Asa Hilliard, III, passed away on Sunday, August 12,
2007, at the age of seventy-three.

Related Entries

Booker T. Washington Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
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[from ? to ?]

University of Denver [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Baker Junior High School [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Teacher

San Francisco State University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1963 to 1972]

worked in the Department of Secondary Education

Georgia State University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1980 to ?]

Fuller E. Callaway Professor of Urban Education

Association of Black Psychologists [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

National Black Child Development Institute [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]