

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Reverend Dr. Jacquelyn Grant

PERSON

Grant, Jacquelyn

**Alternative Names:** Reverend Dr. Jacquelyn Grant;

**Life Dates:** December 19, 1948-

**Place of Birth:** Georgetown, South Carolina, USA

**Work:** Atlanta, GA

**Occupations:** Academic Administrator; Minister;  
Theology Professor

## Biographical Note

Jacquelyn Grant was born in Georgetown, South Carolina, on December 19, 1948. Attending Catholic school at an early age, Grant then moved on to public schools, graduating from Howard High School in 1966. From there, she attended Bennett College, the Turner Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia, and

earned her Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Grant became involved with the Women's Studies Program at the Harvard Divinity School within the Women's Research Program in 1977. Her involvement there led to the creation of the Women's Studies in Religion Program, and she remained there until 1979. Grant founded the Center for Black Women in Church and Society at the Interdenominational Theological Center in 1981, where she continues to serve as director and professor. As a practicing minister, Grant has served as the assistant minister at Flipper Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church from 1980 to 1982. She is presently the assistant minister at the Victory African Methodist Episcopal Church in Atlanta.

A successful author, Grant has written or edited several books, including *White Women's Christ and Black Women's Jesus: Feminist Christology and Womanist Response*, the all-time best selling book released by Scholars Press, and her most recent book, *Perspectives on Womanist Theology*. Grant was the recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ministry Award in 1986 and has been nominated as the Woman of the Year in Religion by the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority. She also appears in *Who's Who Among African Americans*. Grant and her husband, the Reverend John Collier, live in Atlanta.

## **Related Entries**

**Howard High School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Howard Adult Center & Optional School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Bennett College for Women** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**B.A.**

**Interdenominational Theological Center** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**M.Div**

**Union Theological Seminary** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Women's Studies in Religion Program, Harvard  
Divinity School** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to 1979]

**Founder**

**Victory A.M.E. Church** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1974 to 1975]

**Assistant Minister**

**Flipper Temple A.M.E. Church** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 200704 to 200812]

**Assistant Minister**

**Black Women in Church and Society** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1981 to ?]

**Founder and Director**