

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Bruce Ballard

PERSON

Ballard, Bruce, 1939-

Alternative Names: Dr. Bruce Ballard;

Life Dates: December 19, 1939-

Place of Birth: Waverly Hills, Kentucky, USA

Residence: New York, NY

Occupations: Psychiatrist

Biographical Note

Psychiatrist Dr. Bruce Ballard was born in Waverly Hills, Kentucky, on December 19, 1939. The youngest of four children, Ballard was the son of a physician and a secretary. Ballard attended Yale University, where he graduated magna cum laude in 1960, and went on to Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, earning an M.D. in 1964.

Ballard began his career in Chicago, Illinois, performing his internship at Michael Reese Hospital from 1964 to 1965. From there, he began his residency at the New York State Psychiatric Institute, where he remained for three years. Joining the Air Force in 1968, Ballard was sent to Hawaii's Hickam Air Force Base as the chief of mental health services, and after completing his service, he returned to New York in 1970. Taking a position at the Harlem Hospital Center, he was involved in the training of students performing their residencies. Ballard took a position with New York Hospital-Westchester in 1976 as the associate director of the Adult Outpatient Department and later as the coordinator of the residency program. In 1981, Ballard was hired by Cornell University as the associate dean for equal opportunity programs, and today he still works in that capacity as well as serving as the associate dean for student affairs. He has also maintained a private practice since 1972.

Ballard has been the director of the Travelers Summer Research Fellowship Program since 1981. The program aims to increase the numbers of underrepresented minorities enrolled in medical school programs through hands-on experience at partner universities. Ballard has also been active on a number of committees, and has chaired the Committee of Black Psychiatrists of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and the Selection and Advisory Committee for the National Institute of Mental Health Minority Fellowship Program of the APA. He has published numerous scholarly

articles, served on the editorial boards of several textbooks, and given presentations to various groups on ethnicity and psychiatry. The Air Force presented him with a Commendation Medal in 1970, and the APA presented him with the Nancy C.A. Roeske, M.D. Award for Excellence in Medical Student Education in 2001. Ballard and his wife, Eleanor, live in New York. They have two children.

Related Entries

Yale University [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

BA -

Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

MD

Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1968 to 1970]

Chief of Mental Health Services

Department of Psychiatry, Harlem Hospital [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1970 to 1972]

Assistant Director of Residency Training

Department of Psychiatry, Harlem Hospital [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1972 to 1976]

Associate Director for Training

Delete [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1972 to ?]

Psychoanalyst

Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1974 to 1997]

Collaborating Psychoanalyst

New York Hospital-Westchester [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1976 to 1981]

Associate Director, Adult Outpatient Dept.

New York Hospital-Westchester [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1977 to 1981]

Coordinator, PGY 3 Residency Program

Cornell University Medical College [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1981 to 1987]

Associate Dean for Equal Opportunity Programs

Cornell University Medical College [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1987 to ?]

Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Equal Opportunity Programs

American Psychiatric Association [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Assembly Representative, New York County

American Psychiatric Association [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

President

American Psychiatric Association [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Distinguished Life Fellow

Association for Psychoanalytic Medicine [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Member

Association for Academic Psychiatry [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Member

New York County Medical Society [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Member

American Medical Association [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Member