

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Reuben R. McDaniel

PERSON

McDaniel, Reuben R., Jr.

Alternative Names: Reuben R. McDaniel; Reuben Roosevelt McDaniel, Jr.

Life Dates: January 6, 1936-February 10, 2016

Place of Birth: Petersburg, Virginia, USA

Work: Austin, TX

Occupations: Professor;

Biographical Note

University professor and administrator Reuben Roosevelt McDaniel, Jr., was born on January 6, 1936, to Nannie and Reuben Roosevelt McDaniel, Sr. in Petersburg, Virginia. McDaniel received his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Drexel University in 1964; his M.A. degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Akron in 1968; and his Ed.D. in higher education from Indiana University in 1971.

McDaniel was first employed as a mechanical designer at the Government and Industrial Division of Philco Corporation from 1956 to 1960. In 1965, McDaniel began his work in education at Baldwin-Wallace College Learning Center where, as the only African American in the administration, he held the positions of Director for Division of Educational Services, Assistant to the Dean, and Assistant Professor of Education. After leaving Baldwin-Wallace College, McDaniel held several positions over the years at the University of Texas-Austin, including Dean of Students (1972-73), Assistant Professor of Management (1972-75), and Associate Professor of Management (1975-1981). For six months in 1979, McDaniel served as Acting Deputy Commissioner for Medical Programs for the Texas Department of Human Resources. McDaniel served as Professor of Management Science and Information Systems for the University of Texas-Austin, in addition to being Adjunct Professor in the Department of Medicine and the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Texas Health Center in San Antonio. Over all, McDaniel accumulated over thirty-eight years experience in university education and administration.

As an expert in complexity science, McDaniel received numerous awards and recognitions, including Fellow at the IC2 Institute, and Outstanding Professor of the McCombs School of Business. McDaniel served on and chaired multiple university committees and councils, and held various leadership positions on community

committees. McDaniel authored two books, *The Uncertainty and Surprise in Complex Systems and Organizations: An Information Systems Perspective*, completed chapters in thirteen books and wrote more than sixty articles.

McDaniel passed away in February 2016.

Related Entries

Matoaca Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

D. Webster Davis Laboratory High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

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

Drexel University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Northfield Mount Hermon School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

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

Indiana University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

U.S. Government [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Accountant

Philco Corporation [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Engineer

Sperry Rand Corporation [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Engineer

Baldwin-Wallace College [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Director and Assistant to the Dean

Indiana University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

University Fellow and Associate Instructor

University of Texas at Austin [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Associate Dean and Professor

Helsinki School of Economics and Business Administration [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Visiting Professor

Florida State University [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Assistant professor

Claremont Graduate School [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Visiting Professor

International Association of the Evening Student Councils [MEMBEROf]
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President