

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Floyd Malveaux

PERSON

Malveaux, Floyd J., 1940-

Alternative Names: Dr. Floyd Malveaux;

Life Dates: January 11, 1940-

Place of Birth: Opelousas, Louisiana, USA

Work: Washington, D.C.

Occupations: Allergist and Immunologist; Physician;
Academic Administrator

Biographical Note

Allergist and Immunologist, physician and academic administrator Dr. Floyd J. Malveaux was born on January 11, 1940 in Opelousas, Louisiana to Inez Lemelle and Delton Malveaux. His mother was a math and science teacher and both parents supported his interest in science and aspirations for higher education. Malveaux did well in school, placing first in a state-wide math competition for minority high school students. He received degrees in biological sciences:

his B.S. degree from Creighton University in 1961 and his M.S. degree from Loyola University, New Orleans in 1964. Malveaux went on to Michigan State University where he obtained his Ph.D. degree in microbiology and public health in 1968.

He then served as associate professor of microbiology for Howard University College of Medicine (HUCM), coordinator of the Science Program from District of Columbia Public Schools and coordinator of microbiology for Howard University College of Dentistry. Malveaux received his M.D. degree from Howard University College of Medicine in 1974 where he became interested in immunology, specifically allergic reactions and asthma. Malveaux continued specializing in these areas during his postgraduate studies at Washington Hospital Center and Johns Hopkins University. In 1978, he rejoined the faculty of Howard University College of Medicine serving as an associate professor of medicine. At HUCM, Malveaux created a training program for allergists/immunologists based on his work in allergies and immunology. In 1986, Malveaux was invited to join the faculty at Johns Hopkins University and also founded the Urban Asthma and Allergy Center in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1989, he returned to HUCM as Chair of the Microbiology Department. His work led to the Community Outreach for Asthma Care, a new treatment program at HUCM. In 1995, Malveaux became the dean of HUCM, forcing him to give up his clinical practice. In 1996, Malveaux was named interim vice president for health affairs at HUCM and served as the principal investigator for a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for HUCM to establish a major Clinical Research Center. He co-authored a study in 1997 that demonstrated a strong correlation between cockroaches and an increase of asthma in inner city children. Malveaux retired from HUCM in 2005 and joined the Merck Childhood Asthma Network, Inc. as its head.

Malveaux is the recipient of several awards including

election to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies; the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) National Research Service Award; the Outstanding Faculty Research Award from Howard University and the Legacy of Leadership Award from Howard University Hospital. He has served as a member of many professional organizations including on the board of directors for the American Lung Association; the National Allergy and Infectious Diseases Advisory Council and the American Academy of Allergy. He worked extensively with the National Medical Association holding a number of positions including member of the board of trustees and first chair of the Allergy/Immunology Section. Malveaux is a member of the Alpha Omega Honor Medical Society. He and his wife have four adult children: Suzette, Suzanne, Courtney and Gregory.

Dr. Floyd Malveaux was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on March 6, 2012.

Related Entries

Creighton University [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

B.S.

Loyola University New Orleans [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

M.S.

Michigan State University [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Ph.D.

Howard University College of Medicine [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

M.D.

Howard University Hospital [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1971 to 1973]

Assistant Professor of Microbiology

Michigan State University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1968 to 1968]

Instructor of Microbiology (Spring Quarter)

District of Columbia Public Schools [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1970 to 1974]

School Without Walls Coordinator of the Science Program

Howard University College of Dentistry [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1972 to ?]

Academic Reinforcement Program Coordinator of Microbiology

Howard University Hospital [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1978 to 1982]

**Assistant Professor of Medicine/Microbiology
Chief, Division of Allergy/Immunology**

Howard University Hospital [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1982 to 1984]

Associate Professor of Medicine Chief, Division of Allergy/Immunology

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
[EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1973 to ?]

Assistant Professor of Medicine Division of Clinical Immunology

Howard University Hospital [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1958 to ?]

Associate Professor of Medicine Division of Allergy/Immunology

Howard University Hospital [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1989 to 1994]

**Associate Professor of Microbiology and Medicine
Chairman, Department of Microbiology**

Howard University [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1995 to 1998]

**Interim Vice President for Health Affairs, Dean,
College of Medicine Associate Professor of
Microbiology and Medicine**

Howard University [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1973 to ?]

**Dean, College of Medicine Professor of
Microbiology and Medicine**

Howard University [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1953 to ?]

**Vice Provost for Health Affairs Dean, College of
Medicine Professor of Microbiology and Medicine**

Merck Childhood Asthma Network, Inc. (MCAN)

[EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2005 to ?]

Executive Director

**Howard County Foundation for Black Educational
and Cultural Achievement** [MEMBEROF]

[from 1965 to ?]

Board of Directors

Urban Asthma and Allergy Center [MEMBEROF]

[from 1976 to 1977]

Founder and President

Howard County Human Rights Commission

[MEMBEROF]

[from 2009 to ?]

Commissioner

Afro-American Newspapers [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Medical Staff Writer

**National Association for the Advancement of Colored
People (NAACP)** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Life Member

Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Boule) [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]