

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Anthony Reed

PERSON

Reed, Anthony R., 1955-

**Alternative Names:** Anthony Reed;

**Life Dates:** July 2, 1955-

**Place of Birth:** St. Louis, Missouri, USA

**Work:** Dallas, TX

**Occupations:** Marathoner

## Biographical Note

Marathoner Anthony R. Reed was born in St. Louis, Missouri on July 2, 1955. At the age of eight, Reed was diagnosed with a pre-diabetic condition. He graduated from John Burroughs High School in St. Louis, Missouri in 1973. Reed graduated from Webster University with his B.A. degrees in mathematics and business management in 1978. After enrolling at Abilene Christian University in Dallas, Reed received his M.B.A. degree in business administration in 1982. He went on to earn his M.S. degree in accounting and

his certification in supply chain management from the University of Texas at Dallas in 1992 and 2008, respectively. Reed is a Certified Public Accountant and certified Project Management Professional.

In 1977, Reed began his professional career as a computer programmer. He moved from St. Louis to the Dallas-Ft. Worth area in 1978, and worked in IT management and executive positions for various Dallas-based organizations. In these roles, Reed was responsible for overseeing US or worldwide information technology applications. As an adjunct professor, Reed taught management, IT, accounting, and project management courses; and has authored over fifty books and articles. Since 1994, he has managed his own international accounting and project management consulting firm, Anthony R. Reed, CPA P.C. In addition to his academic and professional achievements, Reed is an accomplished marathoner. He began long-distance running in 1975 to combat his pre-diabetic condition. Reed, a certified running coach, is the first African American to compete in marathons (26.2 miles/42.2K) on all seven continents, including Antarctica. He also completed over one-hundred and twenty marathons in forty-eight states, and won trophies in various age groups and weight divisions. Reed is also on the Dallas (formerly White Rock) Marathon board of directors.

Reed's published memoir is *Running Shoes Are Cheaper than Insulin: Marathon Adventures on All Seven Continents*. Additionally, he has written for publications such as *Runner's World* and *Computerworld*. Reed has been featured in *Southern Living*, *Ebony*, the *Journal of Accountancy*, the *Black MBA Magazine*, and *Runner's World*, among others.

In 2004, Reed, along with Charlotte Simmons-Foster, co-founded the National Black Marathoners Association (NBMA), which is the nation's largest not-for-profit organization that promotes distance running in the Black community. Reed is a charter member of

the Black Data Processing Association's (BDPA) Dallas Chapter and was active in the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA). Reed has worked as a professional speaker for corporations, educational institutions, and professional organizations and was a member of the National Speakers Association. Reed is a member of Transforming Life Christian Church, where his wife, Deborah, is a minister.

Anthony R. Reed was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on January 28, 2013.

## Related Entries

**University of Texas at Arlington** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**M.S.**

**Abilene Christian University** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**M.B.A.**

**Webster University** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**B.A.**

**Madison Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Ashland Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Clark Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Enright Middle School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**John Burroughs School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Texas Christian University** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Washington University in St Louis** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Ernst & Young** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1943 to ?]

**Information Technology Manager**

**United Advertising Publications** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 199512 to 199812]

**Information Systems Manager**

**Motel 6, Accor North America** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 199812 to 199905]

**Vice President of IT**

**Texas Instruments** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 200212 to 200707]

**IT Director (Divisional CIO)/Sr. Project Manager**

**El Centro College** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1967 to 1986]

**Adjunct Professor**

**Superconducting Super Collider Laboratory, EG&G**  
[EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1991 to 1993]

**Project Manager**

**DeVry University** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1997 to 2000]

**Adjunct Professor**

**Efficient Networks** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1972 to ?]

**IT Director**

**Amberton University** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2004 to 2008]

**Adjunct Professor**

**Texas Instruments** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 200107 to 200212]

**Independent Consultant**

**Dallas Fort Worth International Airport Board**

[EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 199408 to 199512]

**Applications Development Manager**

**National Black Marathoners Association** [MEMBEROF]

[from 200411 to ?]

**Co-Founder & Executive Director**

**Black Data Processing Association** [MEMBEROF]

[from 1980 to ?]

**Charter Member & Vice President**

**American Institute of CPAs (AICPA)** [MEMBEROF]

[from 1994 to ?]

**Project Management Institute** [MEMBEROF]

[from 2002 to ?]

**Oracle Applications Users Group** [MEMBEROF]

[from 2004 to 2007]

**Board of Directors**

**Dallas Oracle users Group** [MEMBEROF]

[from 2004 to 2008]

**Chief Information Officer Advisory Member**

**National Speakers Association** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 2007 to ?]

**Dallas White Rock Marathon** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 2009 to ?]

**Board of Directors**

**Road Runners Club of America** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 2012 to ?]

**Certified Running Coach**