

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Eunice Trotter

PERSON

Trotter, Eunice, 1953-

**Alternative Names:** Eunice Trotter;

**Life Dates:** June 15, 1953-

**Place of Birth:** Indianapolis, Indiana, USA

**Residence:** Indianapolis, IN

**Work:** Indianapolis, IN

**Occupations:** Newspaper Editor

## Biographical Note

Newspaper owner and nonprofit chief executive Eunice Trotter received her A.S. degree in journalism from Indiana University-Southeast in 1976 and her B.S. degree in journalism in 1981. Trotter returned to school at Webster International University and graduated from there in 2002 with her M.B.A. degree.

Trotter was the first African American woman to serve

as an editor for the Indianapolis Star, the largest daily paper in the State of Indiana. She purchased the Indianapolis Recorder in 1987 and served as editor-in-chief and publisher until 1991. Trotter also worked as a reporter for the Stockton Record and the New York Post. She has held several other editorial positions, including zones editor for Florida Today, associate editor at The News-Sentinel, and courts editor with The Palm Beach Post. In 2005, Trotter founded Mary Bateman Clark Enterprises, where she has worked to incorporate the history of African Americans in Indiana into mainstream U.S. history. She became a communications specialist for American Senior Communities in 2011.

Trotter served on the Board of the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame. In addition to numerous other awards, she was recognized for her professional accomplishments by the Indianapolis, Indiana Chapter of the Young Women's Christian Association with their Salute to Women of Achievement Award.

Trotter is working on publishing a book, *Mary Bateman Clark: A Woman of Color and Courage*.

Eunice Trotter was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on April 7, 2013.

## Related Entries

**Indiana University Southeast** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**A.S.**

**Martin University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**B.S.**

**Webster University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**MBA**

**Arsenal Technical High School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**John Hope School 26** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Shortridge High School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**William A. Bell School 60** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Paul C. Stetson School 76** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Mary Bateman Clark Enterprises** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1975 to ?]

**CEO**

**Indianapolis Reader** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1987 to 1991]

**Owner/Editor/Publisher**

**Stockton Record** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1992 to 1993]

**City Government Reporter**

**Florida Today** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1995 to 1998]

**Zones Editor**

**New York Post** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1996 to 1998]

**Health Reporter**

**News Sentinel** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1998 to 2002]

**Associate Editor**

**Indianapolis Star** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2002 to 2011]

**Assistant Business Editor**

**Palm Beach Post** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2002 to 2002]

**Courts Editor**

**American Senior Communicates** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2011 to ?]

**Communications Specialist**

**National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ)**

[MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Indiana Association of Black Journalists** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame Board** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]