

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dorothy Tucker

PERSON

Tucker, Dorothy, 1956-

Alternative Names: Dorothy Tucker;

Life Dates: April 13, 1956-

Place of Birth: Chicago, Illinois, USA

Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Work: Chicago, Illinois

Occupations: Television News Reporter

Biographical Note

Broadcast journalist Dorothy Tucker was born in Chicago, Illinois. She graduated from Austin High School in 1974, before attending Northwestern University as a communications major. While enrolled there, she became an intern at Chicago's WBBM-TV in 1977. In the same year, after graduating, with honors, with her B.S. degree, Tucker was hired as a reporter at WMBD-TV in Peoria, Illinois. She became a reporter in Denver at KWGN and later a reporter and weekend anchor at WREG-TV in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1979, and went to KDKA-TV in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1981, where she reported and hosted an award winning talk show . Tucker returned to WBBM as a general assignment reporter in 1984. In 2009, Tucker began a weekly radio show, Customer Service, on WVON-AM.

She serves on the board of the National Association of Black Journalists' Chicago chapter, and co-chaired the organization's fundraiser for victims of Hurricane Katrina who have moved to Illinois since the 2005 disaster. Tucker is a member of Northwestern University's Council of One Hundred. She lives in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood. Tucker is married to investment banker Anthony Wilkins, and has three children that all attend Ivy League universities: (Princeton University, Yale University, and the University of Pennsylvania).

She has been honored numerous times throughout her career. On two occasions, Tucker has won the Chicago Association of Black Journalists' annual award for Outstanding Television Reporting, in 1987 and 1994. She has won nine local Emmy Awards, including two for her work on the 2003 and 2004 broadcasts of the LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon and one for her breaking news reports during the 2008 Northern

Illinois University shootings.

Dorothy Tucker was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on Dorothy Tucker was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on August 25, 2013.

Related Entries

William Cullen Bryant School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Roswell B. Mason Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Robert Emmet Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Austin College and Career Academy High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

diploma

Northwestern University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.S. in communication

KWGN TV [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 197811 to 198010]

General Assignment Reporter

WREG TV [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 198011 to 198111]

General Assignment Reporter/Weekend Anchor

KDKA TV [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 198111 to 198411]

General Assignment Reporter/Talk Show Host

WBBM TV [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 198411 to ?]

General Assignment Reporter/Talk Show Host/Consumer Reporter

WMBD TV [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 197709 to 197809]

General Assignment Reporter

National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) [MEMBEROF]
[from 1989 to 1994]

Regional Director

Northwestern University School of Speech Alumni [MEMBEROF]

[from 1993 to 1995]

Board Member

Northwestern University Alumni Board [MEMBEROF]
[from 1994 to 1998]

Board Member

Northwestern University Council of 100 [MEMBEROF]
[from 1995 to 1998]