

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Yanick Rice Lamb

PERSON

Lamb, Yanick Rice

Alternative Names: Yanick Rice Lamb;

Life Dates: September 27, 1957-

Place of Birth: Akron, Ohio, USA

Residence: Bowie, Maryland

Work: Washington, District of Columbia

Occupations: Magazine Editor

Biographical Note

Editor, publisher and professor Yanick Rice Lamb was born on September 27, 1957 in Akron, Ohio to William R. Rice and Carmelie Jordan. Lamb graduated from Buchtel High School in Akron in 1976. She went on to receive her B.A. degree in journalism from Ohio State University in 1980.

Upon graduation, Lamb was hired as a copy editor at the Toledo Blade, where she was promoted to reporter in 1982. Lamb then worked for the Journal-Constitution in Atlanta, Georgia, as a copy editor until 1984, when she was hired as a layout editor for the New York Times. While employed at the New York Times, Lamb worked in various capacities, including deputy home and living editor, assistant editor of the Connecticut Weekly, and metropolitan copy editor. Then, in 1992, she became a senior editor for Child Magazine, serving two years. She was then hired as an editor-at-large at Essence Magazine in 1994. From 1995 until 2000, Lamb served as editor-in-chief, editorial director, and vice president at Black Entertainment Television. At BET, she was responsible for editorial management of BET Weekend, for which she was founding editor, as well as BET Publishing Group's Heart & Soul. Lamb worked at Vanguard Media, Incorporated, as editor-in-chief from 2000 to 2001. She was then hired as a journalism lecturer at Howard University in 2001, and was later promoted to associate professor. After receiving her M.B.A. degree from Howard University in 2005, she became the associate publisher and editorial director of Heart & Soul, where she served until 2011. In 2010, Lamb co-founded Fully-Connected.com, a website that connects people from Atlanta to Accra through interactive journalism and social networking. She also co-founded FierceforBlackWomen.com in 2013. Lamb continued to teach at Howard University, serving as chair of the Department of Media, Journalism

and Film since 2013. Lamb has co-authored three books: 1996's *The Spirit of African Design*, 2004's *Born to Win: The Authorized Biography of Althea Gibson*, and 2005's *Rise and Fly: Tall Tales and Mostly True Rules of Bid Whist*. She has also received numerous awards, including the Folio: Editorial Excellence Award and the McDonald's Black History Maker of Today Award in Journalism. Lamb was also honored at the NABJ Salute to Excellence Awards; and she has served twice as president of the New York Association of Black Journalists. In addition, the Association of Health Care Journalists selected Lamb as a Health Performance Fellow in 2010; and, in 2013, she became the John A. Hartford/MetLife Foundation Journalism in Aging & Health Fellow.

Yanick Rice Lamb was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on October 23, 2013.

Related Entries

Howard University [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

M.A.

Buchtel High School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

High School Diploma

The Ohio State University [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

B.A.

Toledo Blade [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1977 to 1991]

Copy Editor

Journal-Constitution [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1986 to 1991]

Copy Editor

New York Times [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1984 to 1992]

Editor

Child Magazine [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1965 to ?]

Senior Editor

Essence Magazine [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1971 to 2005]

Editor-at-Large

BET [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1994 to ?]

Editor-in-Chief

Vanguard Media, Inc. [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2000 to 2001]

Editor-in-Chief

Howard University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1997 to ?]

Professor

Heart and Soul Magazine [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2005 to 2011]

Associate Publisher

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

Member

Women in Communications [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Member

New York Association of Black Journalists [MEMBEROF]
[from 1985 to 1986]

Secretary

New York Association of Black Journalists [MEMBEROF]
[from 1986 to 1987]

Vice President

New York Association of Black Journalists [MEMBEROF]
[from 1987 to 1988]

President