

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Anthony Samad

PERSON

Samad, Anthony Asadullah,
1957-

Alternative Names: Anthony Samad;

Life Dates: March 11, 1957-

Place of Birth: New York, New York, USA

Residence: Marina Del Rey, CA

Work: Carson, CA

Occupations: Journalist; Political Science Professor

Biographical Note

Author, columnist and professor Anthony Asadullah Samad was born in 1957 in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from California State University in Los Angeles with his B.A. degree in communications in 1980. Samad went on to receive his M.P.A degree in public finance from the University of Southern

California in 1983.

From 1980 until 1984, Samad worked as a branch manager of Beneficial Finance. In 1984, he was hired as the vice president of Founders Savings, and, from 1985 to 1990, he served as president of Liberty Finance Management. Then, in 1991, Samad founded Samad and Associates, a strategic planning and urban affairs firm specializing in the assessment and management of public policy, economic development, urban, social and race issues. In 1996, he was hired by the Los Angeles Community College District, where he currently serves as a professor of political science and African American studies. From 1997 to 2007, he attended Claremont Graduate University, where he received his second M.A. degree in political economy, and then his Ph.D. degree in political science.

Samad has authored five books: *Souls for Sale: The Diary of an Ex-Colored Man* (2002); *50 Years After Brown: The State of Black Equality in America* (2005); *Saving The Race: Empowerment Through Wisdom* (2007); *REAL EYEZ: Race, Reality and Politics In 21st Century Popular Culture* (2012); and *March On, March On Ye Mighty Host: The Comprehensive History of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (1914-2013)* (2013). From 2007 until 2011, he served as the publisher of *Who's Who In Black Los Angeles*. Samad has also been a syndicated columnist, and an opinion leader, publishing articles in newspapers and websites nationwide. Samad has membership in the Phi Beta Sigma and Sigma Pi Phi fraternities, and has served as a past master of Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliation. He has also been involved with the American Political Science Association and the National Association of Black Journalists. Samad was the Los Angeles NAACP branch president from 1988 to 1989, and, since 1999, he has served as the managing director and host of the Urban Issues Forum of Greater Los Angeles, a monthly public affairs forum that discusses critical issues impacting urban communities. He also served as

the president and chairman of the board of 100 Black Men of Los Angeles, Inc. from 2007 to 2009.

Samad has received over 200 awards and citations for his community advocacy work, including elevation to the 33rd and last degree in 1994, the prestigious 2007 Drum Major Award from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Los Angeles, and 2008's Member of the Year from the 100 Black Men of Los Angeles.

Anthony Asadullah Samad was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on November 16, 2013.

Related Entries

24th Street Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

P.S. 124 Silas B. Dutcher School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

John Adams Middle School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Los Angeles High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Masters

California State University, Los Angeles [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Bachelors

University of Southern California [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Master's degree

University of Southern California [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Masters

Claremont Graduate University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Masters

Claremont Graduate University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Ph.D.

California State University, Northridge [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Adjunct Faculty

Founders Savings & Loan [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 198401 to 198510]

Vice President

Beneficial Financial Company [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 198003 to 198401]

Branch Manager

Samad & Associates [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1978 to ?]

President

Los Angeles Community College District [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 199607 to ?]

Professor

Liberty Finance Management [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 198510 to 199012]

President

Freelance Journalist [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1998 to 2000]

Columnist

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Member

Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Boule) [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Member

Free and Accepted Masons [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Master

American Political Science Association [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ)

[MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Los Angeles NAACP [MEMBEROF]

[from 1988 to 1989]

Branch President

South L.A. Emergency Relief Fund [MEMBEROF]

[from 1992 to 1992]

Director

Urban Issues Forum of Greater Los Angeles [MEMBEROF]

[from 1999 to ?]

Managing Director

100 Black Men of Los Angeles, Inc. [MEMBEROF]

[from 2007 to 2009]

President and Chairman of the Board

