

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with June Baldwin

PERSON

Baldwin, June M.

Alternative Names: June Baldwin;

Life Dates: October 4, 1950-

Place of Birth: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

Residence: Los Angeles, CA

Work: Burbank, CA

Occupations: ; Television Executive

Biographical Note

Television executive June M. Baldwin graduated from Stanford University with her B.A. degree in psychology. She went on to receive her J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 1975.

Following graduation, Baldwin served as clerk for the jurist Luther Swygert on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago, Illinois. She then moved to Los

Angeles and was hired as an executive for NBC, where she was responsible for, among other things, the day-to-day business transactions for The Tonight Show and Carson Productions, the television and motion picture production company founded by the late talk show host, Johnny Carson. At NBC, Baldwin became one of the first African Americans to enter the executive ranks of the entertainment industry. She then worked for Norman Lear, Quincy Jones and Aaron Spelling, where she held the position of head of business affairs at their independent production companies. Baldwin went on to be hired as vice president of business affairs at United Paramount Network. She also worked in a similar capacity at Columbia TriStar Television from 2000 until 2001. In 2004, Baldwin was hired as director of business and legal affairs at KCET, the nation's largest independent public television station. Then, in 2010, she was promoted to vice president and general counsel of KCET. Baldwin has negotiated a variety of production deals, and has worked on such critically acclaimed productions as *Auschwitz: Inside the Nazi State*, *A Place of Our Own*, *Los Ninos En Su Casa*, *Wired Science*, and *SoCal Connected*. In addition, for seven years she managed business and legal affairs for the PBS late-night talk show *Tavis Smiley*, and the primetime series *Tavis Smiley Reports*.

Baldwin has served on numerous boards, including the Hollywood Women's Political Committee, the Hollywood Policy Center, the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, the California Women's Law Center, Planned Parenthood, the Archer School for Girls, Women in Film, Women in Film Foundation, Artists For A New South Africa, The Coalition for At-Risk Youth, NBC Credit Union, the Minority Health Institute, and the Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association.

June M. Baldwin was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on November 18, 2013.

Related Entries

St. Madeline Sophie [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

1 - 5th Grade

Ancilla Domini Academy [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

6 -8th Grade

Shipley School For Girls [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Stanford University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.S.

Harvard Law School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

J.D.

NBC [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Director, Program Acquisitions

Spelling Television [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 199603 to 199702]

Head of Business and Legal Affairs

KCET [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 200403 to 20101115]

Director

Quincy Jones/David Salzman Entertainment
[EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 199106 to 199404]

Senior Vice President, Business Affairs

KCET [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 201012 to ?]

Senior Vice President and General Counsel

United Paramount Network [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1997 to 1999]

Vice President, Business Affairs

Columbia Tri Star TV [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2000 to 2002]

Vice President, Business Affairs

Stop Bullying Foundation, Inc. [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Founding Board Member, Treasurer of the Board

Minority Health Institute [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Advisory Council

**National Association for the Advancement of Colored
People (NAACP) Image Awards** [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Nominating Committee

Coalition for At-Risk Youth [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Advisory Council

Television Academy of Arts and Sciences [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Governor

Academy of Television Arts & Sciences [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

**Chairperson of the Educational, Program and
Services Committee**

Archer School for Girls [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Advisory Council

Howard University School of Communications

[MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Advisory Council

Artists for a New South Africa [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Hollywood Women's Political Committee [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Hollywood Women's Policy Center [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board Member

**African American Women of Conscience for Peace
and Justice** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Planned Parenthood Los Angeles [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Center for Population Options [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Advisory Council

Minority Health Institute [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board Member

TV Cares [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

AIDS Committee

Women in Film [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Women in Film Foundation [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board Member

California Law Center for Women and Girls

[MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board Member

NBC Credit Union [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Los Angeles County Bar Association [MEMBEROF]

[from 2013 to ?]

**Executive Committee, Corporate Law
Department**