

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Michelle Miller

PERSON

Morial, Michelle Miller, 1967-

Alternative Names: Michelle Miller;

Life Dates: December 8, 1967-

Place of Birth: Los Angeles, California, USA

Residence: South Orange, New Jersey

Work: New York, New York

Occupations: Television News Correspondent

Biographical Note

News correspondent and anchor Michelle Miller Morial was born on December 8, 1967 in Los Angeles, California. She graduated from Howard University in 1989 with her B.A. degree in journalism. Miller went on to receive her M.A. degree in urban studies from the University of New Orleans in 1997.

In 1988, Miller interned for The Minneapolis Star-Tribune, and then “ABC News Nightline” in Washington, D.C. As a reporter for the Los Angeles Times from 1989 to 1990, she wrote articles that appeared in the “South Bay” and “Valley” sections. Following a two-and-a-half year stint as a general assignment editor, producer and news reporter for the Orange County Newschannel in Santa Ana, California, Miller moved to Columbia, South Carolina in 1993, where she continued working as a news reporter as well as being named anchor of the “Weekend Morning News” at WIS-TV. In 1994, Miller moved to New Orleans, Louisiana, where she served as a news reporter and weekend anchor at WWL-TV, a CBS-News affiliate. She then moved again in 1997 to host “The Early Edition.” From 1998 to 2001, Miller served as an adjunct professor of journalism and mass communications at Dillard University. In addition, she has lectured at Drew University, Howard University, Wellesley College, Stony Brook University, Southern University at New Orleans, Loyola University, and Louisiana State University. Also, while in New Orleans, she married Marc H. Morial, who was then serving as the Mayor of the City of New Orleans and went on to become President and CEO of the National Urban League in 1999. In 2004, Miller moved to New York City and was hired as the national correspondent and substitute anchor for “B.E.T. Nightly News,” and also joined CBS News. In 2005, she became a northeast bureau correspondent for CBS News.

Miller has served as a member of the board of advisors at both the Scripps Howard School of Journalism at Hampton University as well as the School of American Ballet. She has also served on the March of Dimes National Communications advisory council. Miller is a member of the Greater New York City Chapter of the Links, Inc and Jack and Jill of America. A founding member of the Women's Leadership Initiative for the United Way of New Orleans, she also served as vice president of the YWCA of Greater New Orleans, and as the president of both the Black Journalists Association of Southern California and the New Orleans Association of Black Journalists.

Miller received the 2013 Dupont Award from Columbia University and the 1998 Edward R. Murrow Award from the Radio and Television News Directors Association. She also received the 1998 and 2013 Salute to Excellence Award from the National Association of Black Journalists, and was voted as the Woman of the Year by the National Sports Foundation.

Michelle Miller Morial was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on January 15, 2014.

Related Entries

University of New Orleans [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

M.A. Urban Studies

Dayson Center, Tulane University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

None

Howard University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.A. Journalism

Palisades Charter High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

H.S.

Walter Reed Middle School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Saticoy Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

School For International Training [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Experiment in International Living

WIS TV [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 199303 to 199409]

Reporter

OCN [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 199006 to 199302]

Reporter, Producer, Assignment Editor

CBS News [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 200407 to ?]

Correspondent

WWL TV [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 199411 to 200310]

Anchor - Reporter

National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) [MEMBEROf]
[from 1991 to 2000]

Los Angeles and New Orleans Chapter Presidents

YWCA of Greater New Orleans [MEMBEROf]
[from 1998 to 2002]

Member and Vice President

Women's Leadership Initiative [MEMBEROf]
[from 2000 to 2002]

Founding Member

Links, Incorporated [MEMBEROf]
[from 2002 to ?]

PR - National Comm - 2007

March of Dimes Advisory Board [MEMBEROf]
[from 2004 to 2013]

Community Advisory Board and Moderator

Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated [MEMBEROf]
[from 2007 to ?]

Local Chaplain 2010-2011

Sripps Howard School of Journalism, Hampton University [MEMBEROf]
[from 2012 to ?]

Advisory Board

School of American Ballet Advisory Board [MEMBEROf]
[from 2013 to ?]

Advisory Council Member