

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Jeffalyn Johnson

PERSON

Johnson, Jeffalyn, 1928-

**Alternative Names:** Jeffalyn Johnson;

**Life Dates:** September 7, 1928-

**Place of Birth:** Los Angeles, California, USA

**Residence:** Los Angeles, CA

**Occupations:** Federal Government Administrator;

## Biographical Note

Civic leader Jeffalyn Johnson was born on September 7, 1928 in Los Angeles, California to Jefferson Brown and Beatrice Parsons Truwell. She graduated from Pasadena Junior College in Pasadena, California in 1945, and received her A.A. and B.A. degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1947 and 1949, respectively; two M.A. degrees in political science and psychology from California State College in Los Angeles, California in 1962, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, California in 1972.

In 1968, Johnson began teaching at Pasadena Community College in Pasadena, California, where she taught political science, history, public administration, psychology and urban community development. In the same year, she was appointed vice president of Mason-Crete, an architectural planning and commercial construction firm, where she was responsible for project management systems and personnel. After receiving her Ph.D. degree, Johnson was appointed senior faculty member at the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Virginia where she trained federal, state and local government officials in public administration and personnel management. In 1976, Johnson was hired as a policy analyst and planner for the Presidential campaign of Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale. That same year, Johnson became acting associate director of the Federal Executive Institute, where she planned and coordinated the senior executive development program and continued to serve as a senior faculty member. In 1977, Johnson became founder and CEO of Jeffalyn Johnson and Associates, Inc., a management consulting firm in northern Virginia. In 1985, Johnson and her husband, Channing Johnson, founded East West Management Systems in order to develop, own and operate a series of restaurant franchises.

Johnson also provided private consulting work for a number of companies including

General Motors, Westinghouse Corporation and General Electric. Her public consulting work consisted of numerous federal agencies and for the Agency for International Development. Johnson has also held various teaching appointments at the University of Southern California, the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Claremont Colleges Graduate School, and Occidental College.

Johnson served as a member of the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, the Angel City Links chapter of The Links, Inc., and was the national conference chair for the American Society of Public Administration.

Jeffalyn Johnson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on July 21, 2017.

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