

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Cecilia A. Conrad

PERSON

Conrad, Cecilia, 1955-

Alternative Names: Cecilia A. Conrad;

Life Dates: January 4, 1955-

Place of Birth: St. Louis, Missouri, USA

Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Work: Chicago, Illinois

Occupations: Foundation Executive;

Biographical Note

Foundation executive and academic administrator Cecilia Conrad was born on January 4, 1955 in St. Louis, Missouri to Dr. Emmett James Conrad and Eleanor Nelson Conrad. She moved with her family to Dallas, Texas after her father was hired at St. Paul's Hospital. Conrad went on to receive her B.A. degree in economics from Wellesley College in 1976 and her Ph.D. degree in economics from Stanford University in 1982.

Conrad began her career in academia in 1981 when she was hired as an assistant professor of economics at Duke University. From there, she taught at Barnard College and then Pomona College as a Stedman-Sumner professor of economics. In 2002, Conrad was named California's Carnegie Professor of the Year. Two years later, she became associate dean of Pomona College. During her time as a college administrator, Conrad continued to publish on the issue of race and gender on economic status. After taking a two year hiatus to serve as interim vice president and dean of the faculty at Scripps College, Conrad returned to Pomona College as vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. In 2013, Conrad left Pomona to join the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation as the vice president of the MacArthur Fellows Program. After two years at the foundation, Conrad became the managing director of both the MacArthur Fellows Program and 100&Change. In 2019, Conrad became chief executive officer of Lever for Change, an affiliate of the MacArthur Foundation focused on high impact philanthropic opportunities.

Conrad served as editor of The Review of Black Political Economy and an associate editor of Feminist Economics. She has published articles on economics, liberal arts

education, and philanthropy in peer-reviewed journals and popular media. While working at Pomona College, Conrad also directed the American Economic Association's "Pipeline Mentoring Program," matching students enrolled in a Ph.D. program in economics with mentors in the field. In 2007, Conrad became the president of the International Association for Feminist Economics. She is on the board of trustees at Muhlenberg College, Bryn Mawr College, the Poetry Foundation, and the National Academy of Social Insurance.

Conrad has received numerous awards for her work. Her co-edited collection of essays, *African Americans in the US Economy*, was named a CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title of 2005. Three years later, she received the National Urban League's 2008 Woman of Power Award. She has also received honorary doctorates from Claremont Graduate University and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

Conrad and her husband, Llewellyn Miller, have one child: Conrad Miller.

Cecilia Conrad was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on July 12, 2019.

Related Entries

Wellesley College [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.A.

Stanford Graduate School of Business [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

M.A.

Stanford Graduate School of Business [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Ph.D.

Pomona College [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 200907 to 201209]

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Pomona College [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 200907 to 201209]

Dean of College

Scripps College [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2007 to 2009]

Vice President

American Economic Association [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 199806 to 200501]

Director; Pipeline Project

Pomona College [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2013 to ?]

Professor of Economics, Emerita

Pomona College [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2003 to 2013]

Professor of Economics

Pomona College [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1995 to 2003]

Associate Professor

Barnard College, Columbia University [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1985 to 1995]

Assistant Professor

Duke University [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1981 to 1985]

Assistant Professor

The Review of Black Political Economy [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2004 to 2016]

Editor

Feminist Economics [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2003 to 2010]

Associate Editor

MacArthur Foundation [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 201507 to ?]

Managing Director; MacArthur Fellows Program, Awards and 100&Change

MacArthur Foundation [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 201301 to 201507]

Vice President; MacArthur Fellows Program

Bryn Mawr College [MEMBEROF]

[from 201407 to ?]

Trustee

National Academy of Social Insurance [MEMBEROF]

[from 201705 to ?]

Trustee

Poetry Foundation [MEMBEROF]

[from 201706 to ?]

Trustee

Muhlenberg College [MEMBEROF]

[from 200506 to 201612]

Trustee

ADVANCE "Gender Diversity Matters" Project [MEMBEROF]
[from 2013 to 2017]

Advising Board

National Science Foundation [MEMBEROF]
[from 201009 to 201312]

Member; Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering

Transylvania University [MEMBEROF]
[from 200509 to 201006]

Member; Bingham Committee

International Association of Feminist Economics [MEMBEROF]
[from 201507 to 201612]

Chair

International Association of Feminist Economics [MEMBEROF]
[from 2007 to 2008]

President

Economics Experts Committee [MEMBEROF]
[from 2010 to 2010]

Chair; Assessment of Higher Education Learning Outcomes project

National Economic Association [MEMBEROF]
[from 19931 to 19941]

President

House of Ruth [MEMBEROF]
[from 200206 to 200906]

Board Member

House of Ruth [MEMBEROF]
[from 200607 to 200806]

President

House of Ruth [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Vice President