

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Helen L. Stewart

PERSON

Stewart, Helen L.

Alternative Names: Helen L. Stewart;

Life Dates: May 21, 1943-

Residence: Honolulu, HI

Occupations: Academic Administrator; Management Consultant

Biographical Note

Management consultant and academic administrator Helen L. Stewart was born on May 21, 1943 in Lynchburg, Virginia to Lucy Juanita Hampton and James Edward Woodson Stewart. She graduated from Poitiers American High School in Poitiers, France in 1960. Stewart obtained her B.A. degree in sociology in 1965 before earning her M.A. degree in sociology in 1967, both from Boston University. She later received her Ph.D. in sociology from Brandeis University in 1980.

In 1965, Stewart began working as an independent management consultant, arbitrator, mediator, and interpreter. She began studies for her Ph.D. at Brandeis in 1967, the same year that she worked as an instructor at both Emerson College and Boston University. Stewart also taught at Brandeis in 1969 before becoming a French interpreter for the U.S. Department of State, Language Services Division. From 1971 to 1972, Stewart served as a rural sociologist with the United Nations Development Program in West Africa. From 1972 to 1974, she worked as an associate at Community-University Research Associates in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She subsequently taught at Harvard University Extension, Wellesley College, and Brandeis University, earning her Ph.D. in 1980. Stewart joined San Francisco State University in 1981 as associate dean for faculty affairs where she worked until 1988 when she was promoted to dean of faculty affairs and professor of sociology at Sonoma State University in California. In 1990, she became vice president for academic affairs and provost of Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. In 1999, she was then appointed president of the University of Metaphysical Studies, a position she remained in until 2004. In 2013, Stewart published her book, *Seven Seconds or Less: From Gut Feeling to Bottom Line in Challenging Areas of Business*.

Stewart has affiliations with numerous organizations, including the American Council on Education, Scientific and Medical Network, the Institute of Noetic Sciences, the American Association of University Women, Brandeis Alumni Association of Northern

California, Harvard Alumni Associations of Northern California and Honolulu, the Organization of Women Leaders in Honolulu, and the World Future Society, and is a member of the Phi Beta Delta and Omicron Delta Kappa Societies. She has also served on the boards of the New Jersey Institute for Collegiate Teaching and Learning, Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management, Desert Academy, the National Urban League, The Women's Foundation, The Chapin School, and Cambridge Montessori School.

Stewart resides in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Helen L. Stewart was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on December 11, 2019.

Related Entries

Poitiers American High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Drew University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Boston University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.A.

Boston University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

M.A.

Brandeis University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Ph.D.

Harvard University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1980 to 1981]

Post-Doctoral Scholar

United Nations Development Program [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 197108 to 197210]

Expert

Wellesley College [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1974 to 1976]

Lecturer

Brandeis University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1974 to 1979]

Lecturer

San Francisco State University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1981 to 1988]

Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs

Sonoma State University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1988 to 1990]

Dean of Faculty Affairs

Rider University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1990 to 1995]

Academic Vice President; Provost

University of Metaphysics [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 199909 to 200408]

Founder; President

Community-University Research Associates [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 197212 to 197401]

Associate

U.S. Department of State; Language Services Division [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1969 to 1990]

Escort/Interpreter (French)

Operation Crossroads Africa [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1969 to 1969]

Group Leader

Harvard University Extension [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1973 to 1973]

Instructor

Emerson College [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1967 to 1967]

Instructor

Boston University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1967 to 1967]

Instructor

Boston University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1965 to 1967]

Teaching Assistant, Sociology

Desert Academy [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Board of Trustees

Middlesex, Somerset Regional Planning Association [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Board of Directors

Datatel Scholars Foundation [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Advisory Board

The Chapin School [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board of Directors

National Urban League [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Advisory Board

The Women's Foundation [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board of Directors

Cambridge Montessori School [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board of Directors

Association of Escort Interpreters [MEMBEROF]

[from 1969 to 1984]

Member

New Jersey Institute for Collegiate Teaching and Learning [MEMBEROF]

[from 1990 to 1995]

Advisory Board

American Association of Higher Education [MEMBEROF]

[from 1988 to 1995]

Member

American Council on Education [MEMBEROF]

[from 1988 to 1995]

Member

Institute for Educational Management, Harvard University [MEMBEROF]

[from 1986 to 1989]

Advisory Board

**Institute for Educational Management, Harvard University, 20th Anniversary
Celebration and Alumni Seminar** [MEMBEROF]

[from 198908 to 198908]

Co-Chair

Association for Employee Relations Professionals [MEMBEROF]

[from 1990 to 1995]

Member

Seth Network International [MEMBEROF]
[from 1992 to 2018]

Member

Scientific and Medical Network [MEMBEROF]
[from 1995 to 1998]

Member

Scientific and Medical Network [MEMBEROF]
[from 2010 to ?]

Member

Institute of Noetic Sciences [MEMBEROF]
[from 1991 to 2001]

Member; Northern New Mexico Chapter

Institute of Noetic Sciences [MEMBEROF]
[from 2010 to 2012]

Member; Santa Rosa Chapter

American Association of University Women [MEMBEROF]
[from 2004 to 2006]

Member; New Mexico Chapter

Institute of Noetic Sciences [MEMBEROF]
[from 2010 to ?]

Member

Eternal Life Church [MEMBEROF]
[from 2010 to 2013]

Board of Directors

Eternal Life Church [MEMBEROF]
[from 2016 to 2018]

Board of Directors

Brandeis Alumni Association of Northern California [MEMBEROF]
[from 2008 to 2011]

Member

Harvard Alumni Association of Northern California [MEMBEROF]
[from 2009 to 2012]

Member

Harvard Alumni Association of Honolulu [MEMBEROF]
[from 2012 to ?]

Member

Organization of Women Leaders [MEMBEROF]
[from 2013 to 2015]

Member

World Future Society [MEMBEROF]
[from 2007 to 2009]

Member

World Future Society [MEMBEROF]
[from 2012 to 2014]

Member