

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Sherman Beverly

PERSON

Beverly, Sherman, 1927-

Alternative Names: Sherman Beverly;

Life Dates: August 3, 1927-

Place of Birth: Port Arthur, Texas, USA

Residence: Olympia, WA

Occupations: Education Consultant; Education Professor

Biographical Note

Professor of history Sherman Beverly, Jr., was born in Port Arthur, Texas, on August 3, 1927. Beverly attended Bishop College in Texas, where he earned his B.A. in history and political science, and then attended the Chicago Teachers College to obtain teacher certification. He would later earn an M.A. from Illinois Teachers College and a Ph.D. in social studies education from Northwestern University.

After earning his bachelor's degree, Beverly began teaching adult education classes in Port Arthur in 1951 and remained there for two years. After relocating to Chicago, he began working for the Chicago Board of Education in 1957, and he would remain there for the next twelve years, with the exception of a single year off to work as an elementary teacher. In 1969, Beverly took a position with Malcolm X College in Chicago as an associate professor of history, as well as a position at Kendall College as an instructor in the African American Studies Department. He remained at Kendall for the next four years before taking a position with Union Graduate School in Cincinnati, Ohio, as a part-time consulting faculty member and a full-time position with Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. Beverly remained at Northeastern until his retirement in 1992, teaching education courses in inner-city studies social studies. Today, he is the senior consultant and owner of Making Schools Educational, Inc.

Beverly is a prolific reader, and serves on the board of the Caxton Club, a group of book collectors. He directed the Sigma Pi Phi fraternity Men of the Future program for five years, where he met with young men from the Chicago area to encourage them to develop into well-rounded citizens. He is a founder of the Bluestem Festival of Arts and Humanities and a board member of the Society for Values in Higher Education. He has written numerous articles and continues to be involved in speaking engagements on diverse topics. Beverly and his wife, Eve, live near Chicago. They have three children.

Related Entries

Bishop College [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

BA - History & Political Science

Chicago State University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Teacher Certification

Chicago State University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

MA - History

Northwestern University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Ph.D.

Memorial High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

High School

Port Arthur Independent School District [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1951 to 1953]

Teacher, Adult Education

Chicago Board of Education [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1957 to 1967]

Educator

Deerfield School District 110 [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1967 to 1968]

Elementary Teacher

Chicago Board of Education [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1968 to 1969]

Educator

Malcolm X College [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1969 to 1969]

Associate Professor

National College of Education [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1969 to 1970]

Associate Professor

Kendall College [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1969 to 1973]

Instructor, African American Studies Program

Union Graduate School [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1973 to 1978]

Consultant

Northeastern Illinois University [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1973 to 1992]

Professor of Inner City Studies Education Curriculum and Instruction

University of Illinois, Chicago [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1988 to 1991]

Educator

MSE, Inc. [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1992 to ?]

Senior Consultant and Owner, "Making Schools Educational"

Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Boule) [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Member

Golden Apple Foundation [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Member

Better Boys Foundation [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Elder

Corporate / Community Schools of America-Chicago [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Advisor

North Shore Senior Center [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

North Shore Housing Resource [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Board of Directors