

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Terry Jones

PERSON

Jones, Terry, 1947-

**Alternative Names:** Terry Jones;

**Life Dates:** January 23, 1947-

**Residence:** Washington, D.C.

**Work:** Silver Spring, MD

**Occupations:** Private Equity Chief Executive

## Biographical Note

Founder of Syncom, Inc., Terry L. Jones graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut with his B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. At Trinity, Jones founded the school's first black student organization. Upon completing college, Jones worked as an electrical engineer for Westinghouse Aerospace and Litton Industries. He later returned to school where he earned his M.S. degree in computer science and biomedical engineering from George Washington University. In 1972, Jones obtained his M.B.A from Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and became the co-founder and vice president of Kiambere Savings and Loan in Nairobi, Kenya. During his time in Nairobi Kenya he served as lecturer at the University of Nairobi. In 1977, he returned to the United States to join Syncom Inc. as Vice President.

Over the years Syncom has been responsible for investments made in companies such as Black Entertainment Television (BET), Radio One, TV One, Buenavision Inc. and the District Cable Incorporated. In 1990, Jones became the President of Syndicated Communications, Inc. and Syncom Capital Corporation. He has served as Vice Chairman and Executive Officer of Citi Group Global Investment Management and Citi Group Asset Management. In 1993, he was the Vice President of Finance and Planning Chief Financial Officer of TIAA-CREF. Since then he has worked as Vice Chairman and Executive Officer at Citi Group Global Investment Management and Citi Group Asset Management. He has also worked as the director of Cyber Digital Inc., Iridium Communications and Fox Entertainment Group.

Jones has served as a member of the board of Directors for a number of Syncom Portfolio companies and other corporations such as Weather Decisions Inc., V-me Media, Delta Capital Corporation and the Southern African Enterprise Development Fund. He has also served on the board of directors for Federal Home Loan Mortgage

Corporation, Phillip Morris Companies, Inc. and the Howard University Entrepreneurial Leadership and Innovation Institute. He has joined the board of trustees for Cornell University and Spelman College. He is the recipient of the New America Alliance Award of Excellence.

## Related Entries

**Trinity College** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**B.S**

**George Washington University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**M.S.**

**Harvard University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**M.B.A**

**Central Academy of Excellence** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Westinghouse Corporation** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1962 to 1966]

**Engineer**

**Kiambere Savings and Loan in Nairobi** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1974 to 1993]

**Founder**

**University of Nairobi** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Lecturer**

**Litton Industries** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Goddard Space Flight Center** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**The Booker T. Washington Foundation** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Syncom** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1977 to ?]

**Vice President**

**Syncom Portfolio Companies** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Board of Directors**

**Weather Decisions, Inc.** [MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Board of Directors**

**V-me Media** [MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Board of Directors**

**Southern African Enterprise Development Fund** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1968 to ?]

**Board of Directors**

**Delta Capital Coporation** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1968 to ?]

**Board of Directors**

**Sun Delta Capital Access Center** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1968 to ?]

**Board of Directors**

**Federal Home Loan Mortgage Coporation** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1967 to 1979]

**Board of Directors**

**Phillip Morris Companies, Inc.** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1985 to 1995]

**Director**

**Cornell University** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1988 to 1990]

**Board of Trustees**

**Spelman College** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1963 to ?]

**Board of Trustees**

**Robert Toigo Foundation** [MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Board Member**

**Howard University Entrepreneurial Leadership and Innovation Institute** [MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Board Member**

**Southern African Enterprise Development Fund** [MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Board Member**

**National Association of Investment Companies** [MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Chairman**

**Boy Scouts of America** [MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Assistant Scoutmaster**

**Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity** [MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]