

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Steve Smith

PERSON

Smith, Steve, 1964-

Alternative Names: Steve Smith;

Life Dates: July 19, 1964-

Place of Birth: Albany, Georgia, USA

Work: Dunwoody, GA

Occupations: Corporate Executive

Biographical Note

Education administrator Steve Smith was born in 1964 in Albany, Georgia. After graduating from high school, he attended several institutions of higher education. Smith received both his B.A degree in English education and M.A. degree in education administration from the University of Georgia. He also holds an Ed.S. degree in education management from Troy State University. In 2010, Smith earned his M.B.A. degree after completing the executive format of the University of Georgia's M.B.A. program at Terry College. The program included an international residency to Vietnam and China. In addition, Smith is a graduate of Leadership Atlanta and Leadership Georgia

Smith has over twenty-five years of business leadership experience, ranging from education, marketing and communications to business development and fiscal management. From 1991 to 1997, Smith served as a principal in the Fulton County School System, and was director of administrative services for Georgia Public Broadcasting. Smith served as vice president of corporate responsibility for Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. (TBS), where he directed the review, selection and funding of community non-profit organizations through TBS, Inc.'s corporate philanthropy program. In 2009, Smith founded and served as principal of Steve Smith Consulting, LLC, and became a founding investor and board member of Atlantic Capital Bank – an \$850 million community bank based in Buckhead, Georgia. In 2011, Smith was appointed as the deputy superintendent and chief of staff for Atlanta Public Schools, where he has executive control and direct oversight responsibility for all aspects of the day to day operations of the district.

Smith has also served on the board of directors of numerous organizations, including the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau, Georgia Chamber of Commerce 100 Black

Men of Atlanta, Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, University of Georgia Trustees, University of Georgia Alumni Association, Metro Atlanta Arts & Culture Coalition, Metro Atlanta YMCA, 191 Club and the Atlanta Business League. He has served as a gubernatorial appointment to the Independent Redistricting Task Force, and was a mayoral appointment to the Atlanta Arts & Cultural Funding Task Force.

Steve and his wife, Dr. Debra Smith, lived in Atlanta with their son, Steven, Jr.

Steve Smith was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on December 17, 2012.

Related Entries

Lee County Upper Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

University of Georgia [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Master's

Troy University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Specialist

Lee County Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Lee County High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Darton State College [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

University of Georgia [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Bachelor's

University of Georgia Terry College of Business [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

M.B.A.

Barrow County School System [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

English Teacher

Lee County Ledger [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1981 to 1982]

Sports Writer

Albany Herald [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1982 to 1986]

Sports Writer

WGPC Radio [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1982 to 1984]

Announcer

Fulton County School System [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1991 to 1997]

Principal

Georgia Public Broadcasting [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1997 to 2005]

Director of Administrative Services

Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 2005 to 2009]

Vice President of Corporate Responsibility

Steve Smith Consulting, LLC. [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 2009 to ?]

Founder

Atlanta Public Schools [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 2011 to ?]

Deputy Superintendent/Chief of Staff

Georgia Chamber of Commerce [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

Metro Atlanta Chamber [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc. [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

Metropolitan Atlanta Arts and Culture Coalition [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

YMCA of Metro Atlanta [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

The Commerce Club [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

Atlanta Arts and Cultural Funding Task Force [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

United Way [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Andrew and Walter Young Family YMCA [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau [MEMBEROF]

[from 2000 to ?]

Member

Atlantic Capital Bank [MEMBEROF]

[from 2006 to ?]

Board Member