

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

PERSON

Jones, Jeanette, 1950-

**Alternative Names:** Jeanette Jones;

**Life Dates:** September 19, 1950-

**Place of Birth:** Peach County, Georgia, USA

**Residence:** Huntsville, Alabama

**Work:** Normal, Alabama

**Occupations:** Biologist

## Biographical Note

Biologist Jeanette Jones was born in Peach County, Fort Valley, Georgia. After graduating from Fort Valley State University in 1972 with her B.S. degree in biology education, Jones enrolled at Ohio State University and went on to receive her M.S. degree in botany and mycology in 1973 and her Ph.D. degree in botany and mycology in 1976. Jones pursued further study at the University of Nevada, the University of California Medical School (San Francisco), the National Centers for Disease Control-Atlanta, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge).

In 1976, Jones was hired as an assistant professor of biology at Alabama A&M University and became a member of the graduate faculty. Jones was named full professor of biology in 1986 while serving concurrently as an adjunct professor in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University where she worked on a special project with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). In 1991, Jones became the first female appointed as the vice president of research and development Alabama A&M University. Jones then was appointed as the director of the Center for Biomedical, Behavioral and Environmental Research at Alabama A & M University. In 1992, she was appointed to U.S. Army Science Board by the U.S. Secretary of the Army, Togo West, served until 1998, and was reappointed in 2004 as a member of the U.S. Army Science Board under U.S. Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey. Jones moved to Jackson State University in Mississippi where she served on the Research Centers in Minority Institutions' External Advisory Committee. She has also acted as consultant for federal agencies on training programs to attract women and minorities to STEM disciplines.

Jones was listed in the World's Women Who's Who (1975) and she was named an Outstanding Young Woman of America in 1978. Jones received the distinguished service award from the Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society and the Significant Service Award from the NASA Space Life Sciences Training Program. In 2003, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) gave her its Extramural Associate Research Development Award. At Alabama A&M University, she was bestowed the Outstanding Leadership Award, a Resolution for Distinguished Service from the Board of Trustees, and was named Woman of the Year in 1990 and 2006.

Jeanette Jones was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on 4/10/2013.

## Related Entries

**Fort Valley State College** [STUDENTOf]  
[from ? to ?]

**B.S.**

**The Ohio State University** [STUDENTOf]  
[from ? to ?]

**M.S.**

**The Ohio State University** [STUDENTOf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Ph.D.**

**Robins Air Force Base** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1970 to 1972]

**Apprentice, Warner Robins Air Material Area**

**Fort Valley State University** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1972 to 1972]

**Instructor of Biology**

**Forestry Experimental Laboratory** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1972 to 1972]

**Research Apprentice, Fire Control Research Unit**

**Ohio State University** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1972 to 1973]

**Fellow, Medical Mycology**

**Ohio State University** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1973 to 1975]

**Graduate Teaching Associate**

**Alabama A&M State University** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1976 to 1978]

**Assistant Professor, Biology**

**Alabama A&M State University** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1976 to ?]

**Graduate Faculty**

**Alabama A&M State University** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1979 to 1985]

**Associate Professor, Biology**

**Florida A&M University** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1985 to 1986]

**Adjunct Professor**

**Alabama A&M State University** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1986 to ?]

**Professor, Biology**

**National Institute of Health (NIH)** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1988 to 1988]

**Extramural Associate**

**Center for Biomedical, Behavioral and Environmental Research** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 2004 to ?]

**Director**

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated** [MEMBEROf]

[from 2005 to 2007]

**Life Member**