

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Carolyn Glenn

PERSON

Glenn, Carolyn Jernigan, 1947-

**Alternative Names:** Carolyn Glenn;

**Life Dates:** June 28, 1947-

**Place of Birth:** Greensboro, Georgia, USA

**Residence:** Stone Mountain, GA

**Work:** Decatur, GA

**Occupations:** Publisher

## Biographical Note

Publisher and entrepreneur Carolyn Jernigan Glenn was born on June 28, 1947 in Greensboro, Georgia to parents Flossie Hill and Albert Jernigan. In 1963, Glenn graduated from Carver High School at the age of sixteen. She went on to receive her B.S. degree in business education from Albany State University in Albany, Georgia in 1967. She then received two M.S. degrees from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia, one in business and vocational education in 1972, and one in educational administration in 1985. She is also licensed to practice real estate in Georgia and Florida.

Glenn spent twenty years working in public education, as a secretary, business teacher, vocational coordinator, and high school administrator. In 1991, Glenn and her husband, Dr. Earl Glenn, established ACE III Communications and founded The Champion Newspaper with Glenn as publisher. The Champion is Georgia's largest African American-owned newspaper, and, since 1996, has been the most award-winning weekly among all newspapers in The Georgia Press Association. In 1999, they launched Atlanta Goodlife, a magazine focused on the lifestyles of African Americans in the Atlanta metropolitan area. In 2008, Glenn became the president of the Earl and Carolyn Glenn Foundation. Under the auspices of that foundation, she and her husband created Unconditional Love for Children, which provides opportunities for disadvantaged children to become empowered through educational enrichment programs, life skills training, athletics, and access to health services. She has been a long-time Foundation Board trustee and past chair at Georgia Perimeter College, and has endowed a perpetual scholarship for students at Albany State University.

Glenn has also been the recipient of numerous awards and honors. In 1994, she received the Benjamin Hooks Business Award from the DeKalb branch of the NAACP. In 1995, her newspaper won two Business of the Year Awards, one from the South DeKalb YMCA and another from 100 Black Men of DeKalb. That same year, Glenn was named Outstanding Entrepreneur by Success Guide. In 1996, she was named Businesswoman of the Year by the South DeKalb Business Association. The Atlanta Business League named her Businesswoman of the Year in 1997, and one of the 100 Top Black Woman of Influence from 1996 to 2014. She has also been named a Woman of Distinction by Living Word COGIC and listed among six influential Georgia women in Women Looking Ahead magazine. She won a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award from Georgia Perimeter College in 2006, and a Trail Blazer Award from Congressman Hank Johnson in 2013.

Glenn lives in Stone Mountain, Georgia with her husband. They have one grown son, Christian.

Carolyn Jernigan Glenn was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on February 20, 2014.

## Related Entries

**George Washington Carver Middle School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Diploma**

**Albany State University** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**B.S. in Business Education**

[STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Georgia State University** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Dalton GA Schools, Dalton High** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1967 to 1969]

**Teacher**

**Atlanta Schools, Murphy High** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1969 to 1978]

**Assistant Principal**

**DeKalb Schools, Cedar Grove** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1978 to 1985]

**Assistant Principal**

**DeKalb Schools, Gordon High** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1985 to 1988]

**Assistant Principal**

**Earl D, Glenn, DDS** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1988 to 1991]

**Bus. Manager**

**ACE III Communications, Inc.** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1991 to ?]

**President**

**The Champion Newspaper** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1991 to ?]

**Publisher**

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1965 to ?]

**Life Member**

**Greenforest Baptist Church** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1985 to ?]

**Member**

**NAACP, Life Member** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1990 to ?]

**Local Board Member**

**South DeKalb Business Association** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1992 to 1999]

**Board Member**

**Nat'l Newspaper Publishers Assn.** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1993 to ?]

**Past Sec., So. Area**

**SE Assn. African Am Publishers** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1993 to 2000]

**1st VP**

**DeKalb Chamber/Convention & Visitors Bureau** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1994 to 1997]

**Board Member**

**GA Press Association** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1998 to ?]

**Member**

**United Way, DeKalb Division** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1999 to 2002]

**Board Member**

**DeKalb Council for the Arts** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 2000 to 2004]

**Board Member**

**DeKalb Rape Crisis Center** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 2001 to 2005]

**Board Member**

**Leadership DeKalb** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 2001 to ?]

**Board Member**

**GA Perimeter College** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 2004 to ?]

**Member and Chairman**

**The Links, Inc. Magnolia Chapter** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 2004 to ?]

**Member**

**Earl & Carolyn Glenn Foundation, Inc.** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 2008 to ?]

**President**

**Unconditional Love for Children, Inc.** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 2008 to ?]

**Executive Director**