

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Linda Caldwell Epps

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Epps, Linda Caldwell, 1951-

**Alternative Names:** Linda Caldwell Epps;

**Life Dates:** January 10, 1951-

**Place of Birth:** Elizabeth , New Jersey, USA

**Work:** Newark, NJ

**Occupations:** Nonprofit Chief Executive

## Biographical Note

Academic administrator and nonprofit executive Linda Caldwell Epps was born on January 10, 1951 in Elizabeth, New Jersey. She graduated from Battin High School in Elizabeth, New Jersey in 1969, and went on to attend the State University of New Jersey, Rutgers where she received her B.A. degree in American and African American Studies in 1973. Epps later earned her M.A. degree in American Studies from Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey. She also received her Ph.D. degree in humanities from Drew University, which is located in Madison, New Jersey.

Epps began working at Bloomfield College in Bloomfield, New Jersey in 1976. Although she began as the vice president of international relations, she would hold the positions of vice president of student affairs, dean of students, and vice president of student relations during her twenty years of service with the college. In 1990, Epps became the vice president of the Foundation for New Jersey Public Broadcasting, Inc. Epps was then hired as the vice president of institutional relations at New Jersey Television and Radio in 2002, and stayed in that position until 2004, when she became the president and chief executive officer of the New Jersey Historical Society. After receiving her Ph.D. degree, Epps became the president and chief executive officer of 1804 Consultants, an organization dedicated to preserving history in New Jersey, in 2011.

Active in her community, Epps has served as a member of the Development Board of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center Theater Square, the Newark Archives Project's Board of Advisors, the New Jersey President of the National Council of Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, and has been a member of the Leadership New Jersey Fellows Organization. Epps also participated in the Institute for Higher Education Management program at Harvard University.

The recipient of many awards, Epps was honored with the Community Leadership Award from the Montclair YMCA and the Most Distinguished Award from Seton Hall University.

Epps and her husband, Mark Epps have two sons, Mark Epps III and Bryan Epps.

Linda Caldwell Epps was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on March 31, 2017.

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