

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Harold Bailey

PERSON

**Bailey, Harold, 1946-**

**Alternative Names:** Harold Bailey;

**Life Dates:** October 15, 1946-

**Place of Birth:** McKinney, Texas, USA

**Residence:** Albuquerque, NM

**Work:** Albuquerque, NM

**Occupations:** Civic Activist

## Biographical Note

Nonprofit executive Harold Bailey was born on October 15, 1946 in McKinney, Texas to Dorothy L. and John Curtis Bailey, Sr., and was raised by his mother and Ray E. Landrum. In 1948, he moved with his family to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he attended Lowell Elementary School, John Marshall Elementary School, and Lincoln Junior High School, before graduating from “the old” Albuquerque High School in 1964. He received a track scholarship to attend the University of New Mexico, where he received his B.S. degree in health and physical education in 1969. Bailey went on to receive his M.A. degree in special education in 1971, and his Ph.D. degree in American studies in 1975, both from the University of New Mexico.

In 1972, Bailey served as director of the Institute for Social Research and Development’s Child Development Program at the University of New Mexico. The same year, he joined the University’s Afro-American Studies Program as the assistant director. From 1975 to 1980, Bailey served as director of the Afro-American Studies Program. In 1976, he was appointed chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Committee at the University of New Mexico. Bailey later served as a homebound teacher, a special education teacher, a community liaison, and a certified diversity trainer in Albuquerque Public Schools. From 2000 to 2004, he served as president of the Albuquerque branch of the NAACP. In 2003, Bailey was appointed executive director of the New Mexico Office of African American Affairs. He held the position until 2012, when he was once again elected president of the Albuquerque branch of the NAACP.

Bailey has served as a national executive board member of the National Council for

Black Studies, state chairman of the New Mexico Black Studies Consortium, state education chairman of the New Mexico Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, and state chairman of the New Mexico Dr. Martin Luther King Federal Holiday Commission. He was a member of the School Restructuring Council at Lavaland Elementary School and Hayes Middle School, and is a certified diversity trainer.

Bailey has received many awards for his commitment to education and community service. In 2007, he received the Grant Chapel AME Community Service Award. In 2008, he received both the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Legacy of Service Award and the AKA Albuquerque Legacy of Leaders Community Affairs Award. Bailey also received the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award in 2013.

Harold Bailey was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on July 24, 2019.

## Related Entries

**Lowell Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**John Marshall Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Lincoln Junior High School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Albuquerque High School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**University of New Mexico** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**B.S.**

**University of New Mexico** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**M.A.**

**University of New Mexico** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Ph.D.**

**Old Town Elementary School** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1970 to ?]

**Physical Education Teacher**

**University of New Mexico Institute for Social Research and Development** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1971 to ?]

**Assistant Director, Child Development Program**

**University of New Mexico Institute for Social Research and Development** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1972 to ?]

**Director, Child Development Program**

**University of New Mexico Afro-American Studies Program** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1972 to ?]

**Assistant Director**

**University of New Mexico Afro-American Studies Program** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1975 to ?]

**Director**

**University of New Mexico** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1976 to 1980]

**Graduate School Minority Recruiter**

**Hayes Middle School** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1992 to 2003]

**Homebound teacher**

**United States Department of Agriculture** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from ? to ?]

**Education consultant, Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program**

**University of New Mexico, African American Peer Study Group/Tutorial Program**

[EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1996 to 1997]

**Director**

**Albuquerque Public Schools** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1998 to 2003]

**Certified Diversity Trainer**

**New Mexico Office of African American Affairs** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 2003 to ?]

**Executive Director**

**National Council for Black Studies (U.S.)** [MEMBEROf]

[from 1975 to 1980]

**Executive Board Member**

**New Mexico Black Studies Consortium** [MEMBEROf]

[from 1975 to 1986]

**State Chairman**

**University of New Mexico Equal Employment Opportunity Committee** [MEMBEROf]

[from 1976 to 1979]

**Chair**

**New Mexico Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights**

[MEMBEROf]

[from 1976 to 1979]

**State Education Chair**

**New Mexico Dr. Martin Luther King Federal Holiday Commission** [MEMBEROf]

[from 1985 to ?]

**State Chairman**

**Lavaland Elementary School Restructuring Council** [MEMBEROf]

[from 1987 to 1991]

**Committee Member**

**Hayes Middle School Restructuring Council** [MEMBEROf]

[from 1994 to 2000]

**Faculty Co-Chair**

**Hayes Middle School** [MEMBEROf]

[from 1997 to 2003]

**Community Liaison**

**National Association for the Advancement of Colored People** [MEMBEROf]

[from 2000 to 2004]

**President - Albuquerque Chapter**

**National Association for the Advancement of Colored People** [MEMBEROf]

[from 2012 to ?]

**President - Albuquerque Chapter**