

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Miles M. Jackson

PERSON

Jackson, Miles M., 1929-

Alternative Names: Miles M. Jackson;

Life Dates: April 28, 1929-

Place of Birth: Richmond, Virginia, USA

Residence: Kaneohe, Hawaii

Work: Honolulu, Hawaii

Occupations: Librarian

Biographical Note

Professor and librarian Miles M. Jackson, Jr. was born on April 28, 1929 in Richmond, Virginia to Thelma Manning and Miles Jackson, Sr. He graduated from Armstrong High School, in Richmond, Virginia and received his B.A. degree in English in 1955 from Virginia Union University. He then earned his M.S. degree in 1956 from Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He later enrolled at Indiana University and completed his postgraduate coursework from 1961 to 1964. Jackson received his Ph.D. degree in communications in 1974, graduating from Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Communications, in Syracuse, New York.

With a specialty in library and information science, Jackson served as an educator, librarian and researcher at selected libraries, including the Free Library of Philadelphia from 1955 to 1958, and territorial libraries in American Samoa from 1962 to 1964, to higher learning institutions including the C.P. Huntington Memorial Library at Hampton Institute from 1958 to 1962, and Trevor Arnett Library at Atlanta University from 1964 to 1969. In 1969, Jackson was named associate professor at the School of Information Studies at the State University of New York, in Geneseo, New York. He joined the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in 1975 as a professor and was named dean of the Graduate School of Library Science in 1983. He retired as professor and dean emeritus from the School of Library and Information Sciences in 1995.

Jackson has traveled widely in the South Pacific and Asia and was a Fulbright Professor at the University of Tehran, in Iran from 1968 to 1969. He was the recipient of a Ford Foundation Fellowship award for study in East and West Africa in 1969. He served as an Asia Foundation consultant to the Ministry of Education in Papua New Guinea in

1981, and was a U.S. State Department specialist in Pakistan and India from 1981 to 1983.

Jackson served as executive producer of *Holding Fast the Dream*, a one-hour documentary film on African Americans in Hawaii. The film premiered at the 2010 Hawaii International Film Festival and was selected for the San Diego Black Film Festival in 2011. Included in his published works are books: *And They Came: A Brief History of Blacks in Hawaii*, Four G Press, 2001, and *They Followed the Trade Winds: African Americans in Hawaii*, University of Hawaii Press, 2005. Jackson has also been a contributor to the Honolulu Advertiser and Mahogany Magazine.

Jackson received the NAACP 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award and was presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who in 2019.

Miles M. Jackson, Jr. was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on December 12, 2019.

Related Entries

Armstrong High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Virginia Union University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.A.

Drexel University, College of Information Technology [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

M.L.S.

Syracuse University, Newhouse School of Public Communications [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Ph.D.

Free Library of Philadelphia [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1955 to 1958]

Branch Librarian

C.P. Huntington Memorial Library, Hampton University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1958 to 1962]

Assistant Professor, Library Science

C.P. Huntington Memorial Library, Hampton University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1958 to 1959]

Acting Librarian

C.P. Huntington Memorial Library, Hampton University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1959 to 1962]

Librarian

U.S. Government [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1962 to 1964]

Territorial Librarian

Trevor Arnett Library, Atlanta University [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1964 to 1969]

Chief Librarian

University of Tehran [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1968 to 1969]

Fulbright Professor

School of Information Studies, State University of New York [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 196909 to 197508]

Associate Professor

Graduate School of Library Science, University of Hawaii at Mānoa [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1975 to 1983]

Professor

Graduate School of Library Science, University of Hawaii at Mānoa [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 19830101 to 1995]

Dean

University of Tehran [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1988 to 1989]

Fulbright Fellow

University of Hawaii at Mānoa [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1996 to ?]

Dean & Professor Emeritus

Council on Library and Information Resources [MEMBEROf]
[from 1970 to 1970]

Fellow

Hawaii Literature, Inc. [MEMBEROf]
[from 1985 to 1988]

Chairman

Hawaii Governor's Council on Literacy [MEMBEROf]
[from 1986 to 1996]

Appointee

Hawaii Public Library Foundation [MEMBEROf]
[from 1986 to 2000]

Consultant

The Institute for Human Services [MEMBEROf]
[from 1990 to 1990]

Volunteer

American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii [MEMBEROF]
[from 1990 to 1994]

Member

The United Board for Christian Higher Education [MEMBEROF]
[from 1994 to 1994]

Member

Hawaii Library Commission [MEMBEROF]
[from 1996 to 1997]

Commissioner

NAACP [MEMBEROF]
[from 2013 to ?]

Life Member