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Remaking A Life has won several awards, including the American Sociological Association (ASA) Distinguished Book Award (the discipline's highest book honor), the Eliot Freidson Outstanding Publication Award bestowed by the ASA Medical Sociology Section, the Distinguished Book Award from the ASA Section on Sex and Gender, the Distinguished Book Award from the ASA Section of Race, Gender, and Class, the Betty and Alfred McClung Lee Book Award from the Association for Humanist Sociology, the Mirra Komarovsky Book Award from the Eastern Sociological Society, and the Alison Piepmeier Book Prize from the National Women's Studies Association. In addition to her academic articles and essays, Watkins-Hayes has published pieces in *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *Chicago Magazine*, and other media outlets. Watkins-Hayes holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Sociology from Harvard University and a B.A. (summa cum laude) from Spelman College. Throughout her career, Watkins-Hayes has served in numerous academic leadership positions, including associate vice president for research, chair of the Department of African American Studies, and founding director of the ASCEND Faculty Development Program at Northwestern University. She served on the board of trustees of Spelman College for over a decade in various leadership roles, leading the search process for the college's 10th president. She is a Founding Steering Member of the Black Trustee Alliance for Art Museums, having served on the board of directors of the Detroit Institute of Arts from 2017 to 2021.

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