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An Interview with Dave Bartlett

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Dave Bartlett was born in Peoria, Illinois in 1939. He graduated from Deer Creek Mackinaw High School in 1957. He worked for Caterpillar and then enlisted into the Army. After his discharge he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Illinois State University in 1964, then taught history at Washington Community College before going on to earn a MA degree from Illinois State University. Bartlett joined the Thornton Junior College staff in 1967, a period when the city of Harvey was plagued by frequent racial unrest. He moved to the school's new campus in nearby South Holland in 1972. In 1988 the college was renamed South Suburban Community College. In 1991, he was assigned as Historical Liaison-College Historian. Bartlett has also been active with the Illinois State Historical Society and the Morton Township Historical Association. This interview covers the history of Thornton Junior College and its transition to South Suburban Community College.

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