

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Judi Moore Latta

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## Overview of the Collection

<b>Repository:</b>	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
<b>Creator:</b>	Moore-Latta, Judi
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Judi Moore Latta,
<b>Dates:</b>	January 31, 2017 and March 21, 2014
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2014 and 2017
<b>Physical Description:</b>	12 uncompressed MOV digital video files (5:17:32).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Producer and educator Judi Moore Latta (1948 - ) , professor of communications at Howard University, was NPR's first education reporter and was senior producer of the award-winning documentary series <i>Wade in the Water: African American Sacred Music Traditions</i> . In 2002, she became the first woman to serve as interim general manager of Howard University's WHUT-TV. Latta was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on January 31, 2017 and March 21, 2014, in Silver Spring, Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2014_093
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Producer and educator Judi Moore Latta was born on August 3, 1948 in Tallahassee, Florida to college professors Oscar and LaVerne Moore. In 1966, Latta graduated from Florida A & M University High School as valedictorian. She earned her B.S. degree in English education from Hampton Institute in 1970 and her M.A. degree in English literature from Boston University in 1971. In 1999, Latta received her Ph.D. degree in American Studies from the University of Maryland.

In 1972, Latta was hired as an assistant professor at the University of the District of Columbia, where she taught until 1980. From 1978 to 1979, Latta worked at WETA-TV/FM as a producer for *From Jumpstreet: The Story of Black Music*. From 1980 to 1988, she served as an independent producer for the Public Radio System and produced dozens of documentaries and other long form reports for National Public Radio. In 1984, Latta joined the faculty at Howard University as an assistant professor in the Department of Radio, Television and Film. Then, in 1988, she was hired as NPR's first education reporter, where she was responsible for creating the Education beat for NPR's National Desk. She then served as NPR's executive producer of special programs and created *Latin File*, the first radio network Hispanic daily news program. From 1990 to 1992, Latta worked as a reporter and producer for WUSA-TV's *Capital Edition* and, in 1992, served as producer of WRC-TV's documentary special *Drugs at Work*. She then returned to NPR in 1992 as a senior producer of the twenty-six-part documentary series *Wade in the Water: African American Sacred Music Traditions*. After receiving her Ph.D. degree from the University of Maryland, and Latta was made full professor and chair of Howard University's Department of Radio, TV and Film in 2000. In 2002, she became the first woman to serve in the role of interim general manager of Howard University's WHUT-TV. Latta also served as co-chair of the University's Certificate Program in Women's Studies from 2005 to 2011, and as director of WHUR-WORLD from 2006 to 2009. In 2009, she was appointed Howard

University's executive director of communications and marketing, and served in the president's executive leadership cabinet until 2012.

Latta has received numerous awards and recognition from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, American Women in Radio and Television, National Education Association, National Association of Black Journalists and National Federation of Community Broadcasters. In 1992, Latta was awarded the George Foster Peabody Award for her production of *Wade in the Water: African American Sacred Music Traditions*. She is a community volunteer, as well as a member of the Links Inc. (Silver Spring Chapter), the Olive Branch Community Church and the National Council of Negro Women (Potomac Valley Section).

Latta and her husband, Joseph Latta, D.D.S., live in Takoma Park, Maryland. They have two daughters and four grandchildren.

Judi Moore Latta was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 21, 2014 and January 31, 2017.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Judi Moore Latta was conducted by Larry Crowe on January 31, 2017 and March 21, 2014, in Silver Spring, Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and was recorded on 12 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Producer and educator Judi Moore Latta (1948 - ), professor of communications at Howard University, was NPR's first education reporter and was senior producer of the award-winning documentary series *Wade in the Water: African American Sacred Music Traditions*. In 2002, she became the first woman to serve as interim general manager of Howard University's WHUT-TV.

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## Related Material

Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

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## Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

### Persons:

Moore-Latta, Judi

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Moore-Latta, Judi--Interviews

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## Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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## Occupations:

Producer

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Educator

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

MediaMakers

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

### Preferred Citation

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### Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual

(Matters 1995).

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## Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Judi Moore Latta, Section A2014\_093\_001\_001, TRT: 1:30:09 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Judi Moore Latta, Section A2014\_093\_001\_002, TRT: 2:29:43 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Judi Moore Latta, Section A2014\_093\_001\_003, TRT: 3:28:40 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Judi Moore Latta, Section A2014\_093\_001\_004, TRT: 4:30:21 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Judi Moore Latta, Section A2014\_093\_001\_005, TRT: 5:28:46 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Judi Moore Latta, Section A2014\_093\_001\_006, TRT: 6:28:13 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Judi Moore Latta, Section A2014\_093\_001\_007, TRT: 7:32:14 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Judi Moore Latta, Section A2014\_093\_002\_008, TRT: 8:32:24 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Judi Moore Latta, Section A2014\_093\_002\_009, TRT: 9:33:33 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Judi Moore Latta, Section A2014\_093\_002\_010, TRT: 10:29:06 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Judi Moore Latta, Section A2014\_093\_002\_011, TRT: 11:09:26 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Judi Moore Latta, Section A2014\_093\_002\_012, TRT: 12:04:57 ?