

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Reverend Julie Johnson Staples

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Staples, Julie Johnson 1957-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Julie Johnson Staples,
Dates:	July 16, 2014
Bulk Dates:	2014
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:44:02).
Abstract:	Journalist, corporate executive, and minister Reverend Julie Johnson Staples (1957 -) is the minister for education at The Riverside Church in New York City. Prior to being ordained a minister in 2011, she was a managing director and partner at Warburg Pincus and senior managing director for Hill and Knowlton. From 1978 to 1998, she worked as a correspondent for the Baltimore Sun, The New York Times, TIME magazine and ABC News. Staples was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on July 16, 2014, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2014_240
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Journalist, corporate executive and minister Reverend Julie Johnson Staples was born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa. In 1978, she received her B.S. degree in journalism from the William Allen White School of Journalism and Public Information at the University of Kansas.

Johnson Staples was first hired as a reporter for regional newspapers including the *Orlando Sentinel* and the *Baltimore Sun*, where she was a White House correspondent. In the late 1980s, Johnson Staples was appointed as a White House correspondent for *The New York Times*. A few years later she left *The New York Times* to work as the Supreme Court correspondent for *TIME* magazine, and then as the Justice Department correspondent for ABC News.

In 1994, Johnson Staples received her J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center. Also in the 1990s, she worked as a visiting professor in the School of Communication, Information and Library Studies at Rutgers University. In addition, she was a guest speaker and lecturer at such prestigious institutions as Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, and the Ford Hall Forum in Boston, Massachusetts.

In 1998, Johnson Staples was named senior managing director and director of the U.S. Media Services practice for Hill and Knowlton. In the early 2000s, she joined the private equity firm of Warburg Pincus as a vice president. She was then promoted to managing director in 2003, and was later named the first African American woman partner at Warburg Pincus.

After almost a decade at Warburg Pincus, Johnson Staples returned to school and received her M.Div. degree in Biblical Studies/Hebrew Bible from the Union Theological Seminary in 2011 and was ordained as a

Congregational minister at Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, New York. In 2012, she received her Th.M. degree in Religion, Literature and Culture at Harvard Divinity School and was named interim minister for education at The Riverside Church in New York City.

Johnson Staples serves as moderator of the New York-New Jersey Regional Association of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC), and is a member of the NACCC national ambassador team, executive committee and board of directors. She was a fellow of the Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies and has served on the Georgetown University Law Center board of visitors; the University of Kansas Journalism School's board of trustees; the board of the Congregational Library of the Congregational Christian Historical Society in Boston, Massachusetts; and the Peace Action of New York State board of directors. Johnson Staples is also former chair of the board of directors of healthywomen.org and Changing Women's Health Naturally (P.B).

Johnson Staples is married, lives in Brooklyn, New York, and has one son.

Reverend Julie Johnson Staples was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on July 16, 2014.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Reverend Julie Johnson Staples was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on July 16, 2014, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Journalist, corporate executive, and minister Reverend Julie Johnson Staples (1957 -) is the minister for education at The Riverside Church in New York City. Prior to being ordained a minister in 2011, she was a managing director and partner at Warburg Pincus and senior managing director for Hill and Knowlton. From 1978 to 1998, she worked as a correspondent for the Baltimore Sun, The New York Times, TIME magazine and ABC News.

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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.

Controlled Access Terms

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

Persons:

Staples, Julie Johnson 1957-

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Staples, Julie Johnson 1957---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Journalist

HistoryMakers® Category:

MediaMakers

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).

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.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Julie Johnson Staples, Section A2014_240_001_001, TRT: 1:30:27 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Julie Johnson Staples, Section A2014_240_001_002, TRT: 2:28:26 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Julie Johnson Staples, Section A2014_240_001_003, TRT: 3:32:14 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Julie Johnson Staples, Section A2014_240_001_004, TRT: 4:32:48 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Julie Johnson Staples, Section A2014_240_001_005, TRT: 5:33:09 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Julie Johnson Staples, Section A2014_240_001_006, TRT: 6:30:49 ?

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