

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan

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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>	McClellan, Jennifer L., 1972-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan,
<b>Dates:</b>	December 7, 2016 and January 19, 2018
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2016 and 2018
<b>Physical Description:</b>	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:12:25).
<b>Abstract:</b>	State Representative Jennifer L. McClellan (1972 - ) served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 2006 to 2017, when she was elected to the Virginia State Senate. She also served as the vice chair of the Democratic Party of Virginia. McClellan was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on December 7, 2016 and January 19, 2018, in Richmond, Virginia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2016_147
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

State representative Jennifer L. McClellan was born on December 28, 1972 in Petersburg, Virginia. McClellan graduated as valedictorian of her class at Matoaca High School in Chesterfield, Virginia in 1990. She then earned her B.A. degree from the University of Richmond in 1994, and her J.D. degree from the University of Virginia in 1997.

In 1996, McClellan served as a page at the Democratic National Convention. After graduating from the University of Virginia, she was hired at the law firm of Hunton & Williams. In 2005, McClellan ran for her first political office in the Virginia House of Delegates. From 2006 to 2017, McClellan served as the representative for the 71st District in the House of Delegates of Virginia, where she served on the House Education, Commerce and Labor, and Courts of Justice Committees, and the Virginia Conflicts of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council. She also served as a super-delegate at the 2009 Democratic National Convention, and served as vice chair of the Democratic Party of Virginia. In 2017, McClellan was elected to the Virginia State Senate, where she served on the Agriculture, Conservation & Natural Resources, Local Government, and Transportation Committees. McClellan also chaired the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission, and served on the Virginia Indian Commemorative Commission and the Task Force on the Preservation of the History of Former Enslaved African Americans. She co-chaired the Capital Region Caucus, served as vice chair of the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus, and was a member of the Rural Caucus and the Women's Health Care Caucus. In addition to her position in the Virginia State Senate, McClellan also served as an assistant general counsel at Verizon Communications.

McClellan received numerous awards, including the Freedom Fund Banquet Award from the Richmond NAACP in 2008, the Leadership Award from the Virginia Housing Coalition in 2009, the Older Virginians Champions Award from the Virginia AARP in 2011, the Health Policy Award from the Virginia Commonwealth University

Student National Medical Association in 2012, the Exceptional Dedication and Public Service Award from the Fan Free Clinic in 2014, the Trailblazer Award from the Virginia Leadership Institute in 2015, and many more. McClellan was also a member of the Virginia Bar Association (VBA) Board of Governors, the Virginia State Bar, the Metropolitan Women's Bar Association, the Richmond Bar Association, and the Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Bar Association as well as the Junior League of Richmond, the Fan District Association, the Fan Women's Club, the League of Women Voters, and the Richmond Crusade for Voters. In 2017, McClellan was selected as a Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellow.

McClellan and her husband, David Mills, have two children, Jackson and Samantha.

Jennifer L. McClellan was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on December 7, 2016.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan was conducted by Harriette Cole and Larry Crowe on December 7, 2016 and January 19, 2018, in Richmond, Virginia, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. State Representative Jennifer L. McClellan (1972 - ) served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 2006 to 2017, when she was elected to the Virginia State Senate. She also served as the vice chair of the Democratic Party of Virginia.

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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:

McClellan, Jennifer L., 1972-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews  
McClellan, Jennifer L., 1972- --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:

State Senator

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

PoliticalMakers

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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 The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan, Section A2016\_147\_001\_001, TRT: 1:30:48 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan, Section A2016\_147\_001\_002, TRT: 2:30:04 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan, Section A2016\_147\_001\_003, TRT: 3:30:18 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan, Section A2016\_147\_001\_004, TRT: 4:34:03 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan, Section A2016\_147\_001\_005, TRT: 5:28:55 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan, Section A2016\_147\_001\_006, TRT: 6:06:36 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan, Section A2016\_147\_002\_007, TRT: 7:29:09 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan, Section A2016\_147\_002\_008, TRT: 8:30:26 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan, Section A2016\_147\_002\_009, TRT: 9:32:06 ?