



# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Janice Hutchinson

## 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>	Dr. Janice Hutchinson
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Janice Hutchinson,
<b>Dates:</b>	July 26, 2008
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2008
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5 Betacam SP videocassettes (2:18:40).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Pediatrician, psychiatrist, and medical professor Dr. Janice Hutchinson (1947 - ) is an associate professor of psychiatry and pediatrics, and the residency training director in psychiatry at Howard University College of Medicine. In 2007, Hutchinson co-authored the book, "Losing Control: Loving a Black Child with Bipolar Disorder." Hutchinson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on July 26, 2008, in Bethesda, Maryland. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2008_095
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Pediatrician and child psychiatrist Dr. Janice Gertrude Hutchinson was born on September 22, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois to Dorothy and James Hutchinson. She and her twin brother Jamal J. Hutchinson began their education at the Catholic school, Holy Name of Mary. They then attended Morgan Park High School, graduating in 1965. Hutchinson enrolled at Stanford University, where she took pre-medical courses but majored in sociology. After receiving her B.A. degree in 1969, she attended the University of Cincinnati Medical School, earning her M.D. degree in 1973. During her final year of medical school, she worked at the John F. Kennedy Hospital in Monrovia, Liberia. She completed her residency in pediatrics at Montefiore and Rush University Medical Centers before returning to school to earn her M.P.H. degree from the University of Illinois.

In the early 1980s, Hutchinson joined the Rush University Medical School as adjunct faculty. Disinterested in private practice, she joined the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps before taking a leave of absence to work in a refugee camp outside of Bangkok, Thailand. When she returned to the United States, she completed a child and adolescent fellowship at the Institute for Juvenile Research (IJR) at the University of Illinois. At the same time, she served as a public health doctor at the American Medical Association (AMA) where she worked on issues of teen pregnancy and child abuse. When the HIV antibody was identified in 1982, she was concerned about the devastating effect of the disease on children and helped to organize the AMA's first major HIV conference in the mid-1980s.

After Hutchinson completed her residency in adult psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati and at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington, D.C. , she was selected as the medical director and administrator for Children's Mental Health Services in Washington D.C.'s Department of Mental Health. Hutchinson currently works at Howard

University where she is an associate professor of psychiatry and pediatrics and the residency training director in psychiatry for the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Board certified in pediatrics, adult and child psychiatry, Hutchinson has taught and written about child abuse, domestic violence, teen pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, children's impulsivity and aggression, incarcerated juveniles and mental illness, the use of antidepressants with children and youth suicide. In 2005, she received the American Psychiatric Association's Irma Bland Excellence in Teaching Award. Hutchinson co-authored "Losing Control: Loving a Black Child with Bipolar Disorder" with Cassandra Joubert and Linda Thompson Adams in 2007. Hutchinson is a member at large of the Washington Psychiatric Society.

Dr. Janice Hutchinson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on July 26, 2008.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Dr. Janice Hutchinson was conducted by Larry Crowe on July 26, 2008, in Bethesda, Maryland, and was recorded on 5 Betacam SP videocassettes. Pediatrician, psychiatrist, and medical professor Dr. Janice Hutchinson (1947 - ) is an associate professor of psychiatry and pediatrics, and the residency training director in psychiatry at Howard University College of Medicine. In 2007, Hutchinson co-authored the book, "Losing Control: Loving a Black Child with Bipolar Disorder."

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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:

Hutchinson, Janice

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews.  
Hutchinson, Janice--Interviews.

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African American women physicians--Interviews.

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Women psychiatrists--Interviews.

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African American psychiatrists--Interviews.

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Women pediatricians--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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Howard University. College of Medicine

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

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### Preferred Citation

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### Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 8/15/2011 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, July 26, 2008

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Janice Hutchinson, Section A2008\_095\_001\_001, TRT: 0:30:00 2008/07/26

Dr. Janice Hutchinson begins discussing her family history. Her maternal great-grandfather was an immigrant from Lithuania, and Alben W. Barkley, a vice president of the United States, may have fathered one of her ancestors. Her mother, Dorothy Gertrude Howell Hutchinson, was born in 1911 in Paducah, Kentucky, where her family owned a plantation. After losing the land in a bankruptcy, they moved to Chicago, where Hutchinson's grandfather opened a grocery store. Dorothy dropped out of high school to work. Hutchinson remembers her mother as a generous and beautiful woman. Hutchinson's father, James Joseph Hutchinson, was born in June 1893 in Alabama and grew up on a farm in Georgia. He later migrated to Chicago, Illinois, where he became a Pullman Porter. He told Hutchinson many stories about going to labor meetings led by A. Philip Randolph. Hutchinson occasionally traveled around the country with her father on his routes.

African American families--Kentucky--Paducah.

African American landowners-- Kentucky--Paducah.

African American families--Illinois--Chicago.

Pullman porters.

Randolph, A. Philip (Asa Philip), 1889-1979.

African American railroads employees.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Janice Hutchinson, Section A2008\_095\_001\_002, TRT: 0:30:40 2008/07/26

Dr. Janice Hutchinson discusses growing up in the Morgan Park neighborhood of Chicago. She attended Holy Name of Mary, a predominantly black Catholic school. The teachers, members of the order of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, were kind-hearted but strict disciplinarians. She attended the predominantly white Morgan Park High School, graduating in 1965. Some white students were initially rude but grew to respect her academic ability. She describes her impetus for becoming a doctor, which grew out of positive childhood experiences with doctors and admiration for Dr. Albert Schweitzer's work. Hutchinson attended Stanford University, where she majored in sociology but also took the pre-med course. Donald Kennedy, a Nobel laureate, was a mentor. Lyle Nelson, another mentor, always insured that she had enough money for tuition and living expenses. She talks about the campus visits of Martin Luther King, Jr., Eldridge Cleaver, Bobby Seale and Kathleen Cleaver.

African Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Oblate Sisters of Providence.  
Catholic schools--Illinois--Chicago.  
African Americans--Education (Secondary)--Illinois--Chicago.  
African Americans--Education (Higher)--California--Palo Alto.  
Nelson, Lyle M.  
Stanford University.  
King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929-1968.  
Cleaver, Eldridge, 1935-1998.  
Seale, Bobby, 1936-.  
Cleaver, Kathleen.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Janice Hutchinson, Section A2008\_095\_001\_003, TRT:  
0:28:00 2008/07/26

Dr. Janice Hutchinson talks about tutoring local students as a member of the Stanford University Newman Club, a Catholic student service organization. She discusses her experiences at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, including the gender and racial dynamics among medical students and physicians. In the middle of her second year, her mother died from pancreatic cancer. During her final year, she worked at the John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Monrovia, Liberia. When she returned, she began her residency in pediatrics at the Montefiore Medical Center and at Rush University Medical School. She later trained in psychiatry at St. Elizabeths Medical Center in Washington, D.C. and earned her M.P.H. degree at the University of Illinois. She discusses her jobs at Rush University, the American Medical Association and the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps before taking a leave of absence to work in a refugee camp outside of Bangkok, Thailand.

Terminally ill parents.

Parents--Death.

African American medical students.

African American women medical students.

African American physicians.

African American pediatricians.

African American psychiatrists.

Medical assistance--Developing countries.

Medical assistance--Thailand.

Medical assistance--Liberia.

Stanford University.

Medicine--Study and teaching--United States.

University of Cincinnati. College of Medicine.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Janice Hutchinson, Section A2008\_095\_001\_004, TRT:  
0:29:20 2008/07/26

Dr. Janice Hutchinson talks about her work in the public health division of the American Medical Association (AMA) in the 1980s, working on issues of teen pregnancy and child abuse. She helped organize the AMA's first major HIV conference around 1985 or 1986. Shortly thereafter, she finished her training at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington, D.C., making her board eligible in child psychiatry. She discusses her work as the medical director and administrator for Washington, D.C. Children's Mental Health Services. Although many

innovative programs were created, they were short-lived due to the lack of political will. She speaks in depth about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and about co-authoring the book "Losing Control: Loving a Black Child with Bipolar Disorder." She notes that there are major disparities between the ways that African Americans and whites are diagnosed and treated for mental illness.

American Medical Association.

Public health--Washington, D.C.

Child mental health.

Child psychiatry.

Mental illness.

African American child psychiatrists.

Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Manic depressive illness in children--Michigan.

Manic depressive illness in adolescence--Michigan.

African Americans--Mental health.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Janice Hutchinson, Section A2008\_095\_001\_005, TRT: 0:20:40 2008/07/26

Dr. Janice Hutchinson discusses her current position at Howard University Medical School in the Child Psychiatry Program, where she is responsible for the training of new doctors in her discipline. She has published widely on topics including battered women of color, exposure to crack cocaine in utero, violence among children of color and suicide among African Americans. She talks about the different types of drug abuse among youth of different races. She hopes that African Americans will focus more on solutions than complaints and address issues of sex, sexism and violence against children within the black community. Another topic of interest for her is the correlation between spirituality and health. She would like to be remembered as someone who followed a God-given path to improve the lives of the people around her and of future generations.

African American college teachers--Washington, D.C.

African Americans--Public health.

Youth--Drug use.

Howard University. College of Medicine.

Medicine--Religious aspects.