

THE HISTORYMAKERS®

The Digital Repository of the Black Experience

OUR INSTITUTION

Since its inception, *The HistoryMakers*, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit headquartered in Chicago, has grown to become the digital repository for the black experience. With education as its mission and the Library of Congress as its official repository, this one-of-a-kind collection provides an unprecedented and irreplaceable physical and online record of African American lives, accomplishments, and contributions through unique first-person testimony. Over the past twenty-three years, over 3,600 video oral history interviews (12,000 hours) have been recorded in 451 cities and towns, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Europe across a variety of disciplines. Contained within the collection are the stories of **Alonzo Pettie**, the oldest living black cowboy, statesman **General Colin Powell**, and poets **Nikki Giovanni** and **Sonia Sanchez**. Also included are 211 of the nation's top scientists such as **Katherine Johnson**, who was featured in the Hollywood movie *Hidden Figures*; civic leaders **C.T. Vivian** and **Marion Wright Edelman**; music icons **Berry Gordy** and **Quincy Jones**; business leaders former Amex CEO **Ken Chenault**, former Merck CEO **Ken Frazier**, and former Xerox CEO **Ursula Burns**; lawyers former U.S. Attorney General **Eric Holder** and NAACP Legal Defense Fund president **Sherrilyn Ifill**; political leaders Congresswoman **Maxine Waters**, the late Congressman **John Lewis**, and President **Barack Obama** (when he was an Illinois State Senator); as well as *New York Times* columnist **Charles Blow**, artist **Theaster Gates**, museum director **Thelma Golden**, restauranteur **Marcus Samuelsson**, and entrepreneur **Daymond John**. *The HistoryMakers*' website, accessed by millions worldwide, is cited in Wikipedia as well as numerous articles and used as a "go-to" reference tool. To date, *The HistoryMakers Digital Archive* has been licensed by 205 colleges, universities (Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, Howard, Spelman, Morehouse, Ohio State, University of Oregon, etc.), K-12 schools, public libraries (Boston, Chicago, New York, Cleveland, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, Charlotte, etc.) corporations, and museums for use by faculty, students, staff, and patrons. This has been particularly relevant in the post-COVID era with a heightened focus on online learning and the attacks on the teaching of black history. *The HistoryMakers Digital Archive* now and well into the future will provide a more complete understanding of who we are as Americans, where we have come from, and where we are going as a nation.

3,600
ORAL HISTORY
INTERVIEWS

12,000
HOURS OF VIDEO

451
CITIES AND TOWNS

205
COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES,
K-12 SCHOOLS, PUBLIC
LIBRARIES, & MUSEUMS

150,000+
STORIES AVAILABLE ON
THE HISTORYMAKERS
DIGITAL ARCHIVE

51
COUNTRIES WITH
REGISTERED USERS OF
THE HISTORYMAKERS
DIGITAL ARCHIVE



President's Message

Greetings!

In 2023, we scaled up our interviews to pre-pandemic levels. With the support of **American Airlines**, **Boeing**, **Ursula Burns**, **Enterprise Holdings Foundation**, and **McCormick Foundation**, our crews travelled to 35 U.S. cities and towns interviewing 189 HistoryMakers. They included singer **Dionne Warwick**, fashion model **Beverly Johnson**, costume designer **Ruth Carter**, photographer **Ike Ude**, museum curator **Lowery Stokes Sims**, gospel singer **Shirley Caesar**, Hollywood producers **Doug McHenry**, **Charles D. King** and **Jesse Collins**, the 14th Librarian of Congress **Carla Hayden**, ALA Presidents **Tracie D. Hall** and **Robert Wedgeworth**, poet laureate **Tracy K. Smith**, ABC-TV President **Kimberly Godwin**, college presidents **Michael V. Drake**, **Dr. Paula Johnson**, **Jonathan Scott Holloway** and **Dwight McBride**, U.S. Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff **Charles Q. Brown, Jr.**, Harvard Business School professors **James Cash** and **Linda Hill**, politicians and lawyers **Lori Lightfoot** and **Karen Freeman-Wilson** and historian and author **Adele Logan Alexander**, among others. 2023 also saw the passing of 36 of our HistoryMakers that included long-time supporter and music mogul **Clarence B. Avant**, archivist **Charles Blockson**, civic leader and oldest sister to the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., **Christine King Farris**, hair care founder **Edward Gardner**, law school professor **Charles Ogletree**, sailor Capt. **William Pinkney** and Hollywood actor **Richard Roundtree**. Essentially, a death at *The HistoryMakers* no longer represents the "burning of a library," but the "saving of a legacy of a people."

This year, we also expanded our Higher Education Advisory Committee meeting to include our student ambassadors, launched exciting partnerships and unveiled our groundbreaking Digital Library featuring the digitized collections of entertainer **Eartha Kitt**, fashion commentator **Audrey Smaltz**, literary agent **Marie Brown**, art gallery founder **Isobel Neal**, Johnson Products Founder **George Johnson**, soprano **Etta Moten Barnett** and her husband **Claude Barnett**, founder of the Associated Negro Press. We also increased the amount raised for our **\$20 million campaign** to **\$16.2 million**. This is due, in part, to an increase in individual contributions as well as grants from the **Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation** (\$500,000), the **MacArthur Foundation** (\$500,000) and the **Gund Foundation** (\$200,000). Increases in general operating support is critically important now for *The HistoryMakers* to build its staff and technical infrastructure. Each videotaped life oral history interview averages **\$6,000** in costs to research, record, digitize, transcribe and process an interview. Our goal is to raise the remaining **\$3.8 million** needed. This is now more important than ever before as noted by this mother: *As a single Caucasian mother of a black daughter in the 1980s, I struggled to help her see herself represented in this world. She was not taught much black history in school and at that time there was not much representation of her as it pertained to toys, TV, movies, etc. I am so happy for the young children to have this library of their history. I am also happy to have it for myself and the other adults who hunger for this type of information. Thank you for bringing your passion to fruition for the benefit of all Americans.*

Preservation of the African American documentary record is critically important at this time in our nation's history. We are committed to preserving 20th century African American history with 21st century solutions so that present and future generations will be educated properly about the contributions of African Americans.

Sincerely,

Julieanna L. Richardson
Founder & President

“2023 proved to be a transformative year. It was the year that CBS 60 Minutes featured *The HistoryMakers* not only once but twice, catapulting our work to a national stage.”

Julieanna L. Richardson

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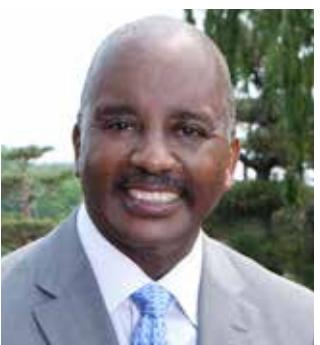
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The HistoryMakers Capital Campaign

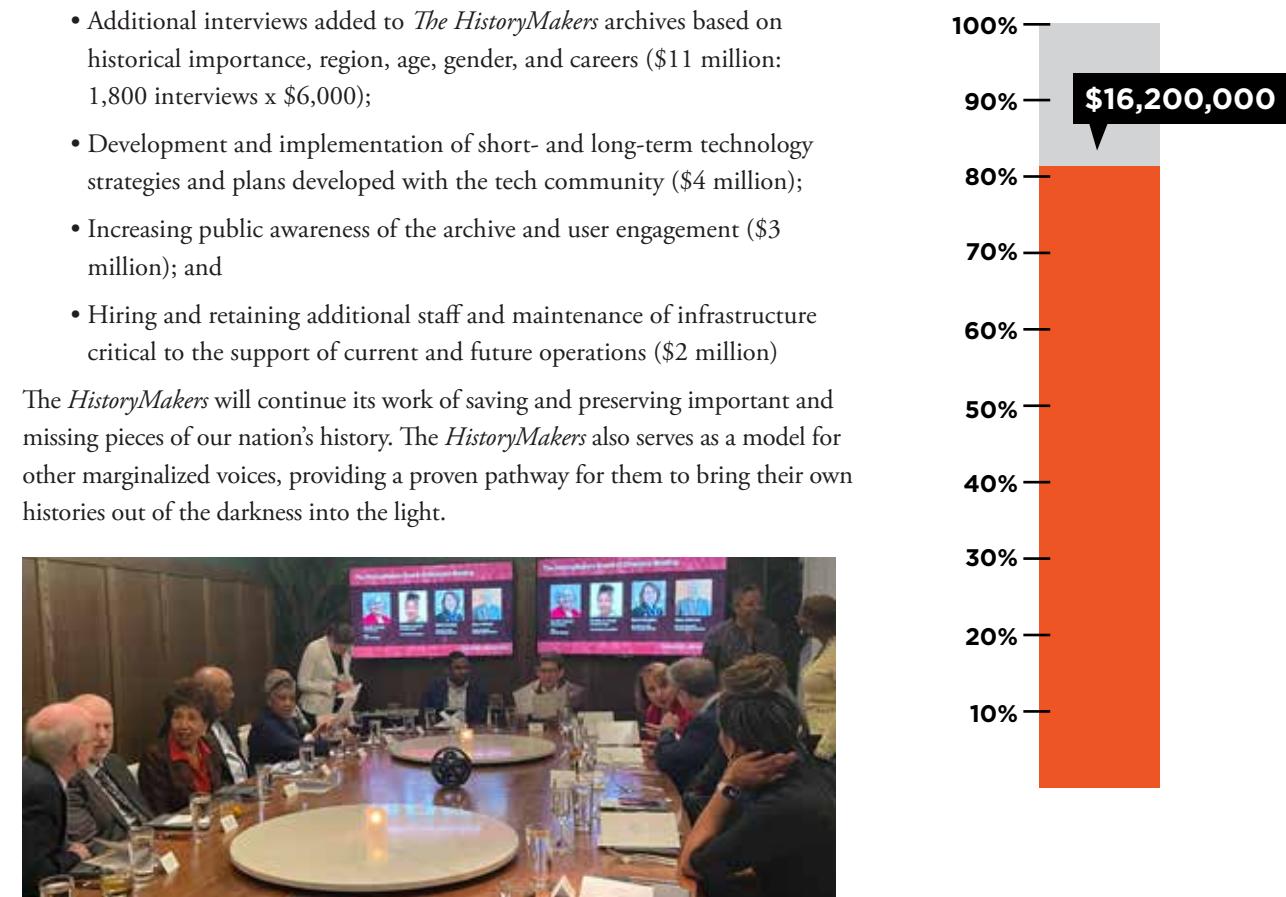
To date, **\$16.2 million** has been raised, including **\$1 million gifts** from **Baldwin Richardson Foods/Eric G. Johnson, The Boeing Company, Ursula Burns, Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice, Andrea W. and Kenneth C. Frazier, and Lincoln Financial Group**. Successful completion of *The HistoryMakers 20@2020* capital campaign will allow *The HistoryMakers* to significantly increase its holdings to also include modern day African American leaders to its collection, and to become *the* digital repository for the Black experience. For this national treasure, with an impressive track record of accomplishment, the need is urgent as many 20th century contributors pass away or memories fade, thereby risking the loss of important history.

The \$20 million raised is being invested as follows:

- Additional interviews added to *The HistoryMakers* archives based on historical importance, region, age, gender, and careers (\$11 million: 1,800 interviews x \$6,000);
- Development and implementation of short- and long-term technology strategies and plans developed with the tech community (\$4 million);
- Increasing public awareness of the archive and user engagement (\$3 million); and
- Hiring and retaining additional staff and maintenance of infrastructure critical to the support of current and future operations (\$2 million)

The *HistoryMakers* will continue its work of saving and preserving important and missing pieces of our nation's history. The *HistoryMakers* also serves as a model for other marginalized voices, providing a proven pathway for them to bring their own histories out of the darkness into the light.

Goal: \$20,000,000



The HistoryMakers National Board of Directors Dinner Meeting, June 1, 2023

“We recently completed an “employee challenge” and close to 200 employees visited *The HistoryMakers* website to gain exposure and familiarize themselves with the resource. Meeting our challenge triggered a \$6,000 donation to *The HistoryMakers*. ”

Deborah Kroeger
Senior Director, Talent Acquisition, Arvinas

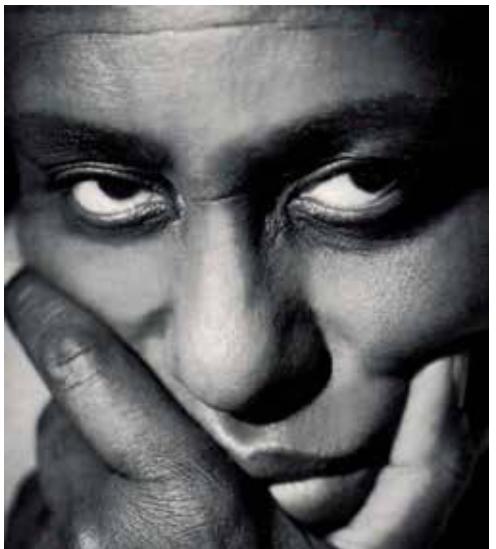
The HistoryMakers Capital Campaign

\$1,000,000 Grant Award



The HistoryMakers & Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice

On Wednesday, September 7, 2022, in a crowded room of attendees, at the WomanMakers Relaunch Luncheon and Convening at the Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice, Ford Foundation President **Darren Walker** announced a \$1,000,000 gift for *The HistoryMakers Digitization Initiative*. The personal collections of former Xerox CEO **Ursula Burns** and legendary entertainer **Eartha Kitt** will be digitized as part of this initiative.



Portrait of Bill Duke



Alice Key



Annie Lee as a Model



Priscilla Smith Bailey



Chester "Chet" Walker With Harold "Happy" Hairston



Frederick Gregory's Grandfather, James Francis Gregory



Etta Moten Barnett and Claude Barnett Collection



Charles Willie With Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The HistoryMakers Capital Campaign

\$500,000 Grant Award



ROBERT D.L. GARDINER FOUNDATION

Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation

RESCUE. PRESERVE. EDUCATE. The HistoryMakers 20th Century African American New York-Based Collections Through Digitization and Use of 21st Century Solutions.

On June 15, 2023, **Zhu Sun**, *The HistoryMakers*' Chief of Staff and **Marilyn Dunn**, a member of *The HistoryMakers Digitization Advisory Committee* and former Director of Harvard University's Schlesinger Library travelled to Long Island for a luncheon in honor of *The HistoryMakers* and other grant awardees of the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation. The award was presented to *The HistoryMakers* by the Foundation's Executive Director **Kathryn Curran**. *The HistoryMakers* was awarded \$500,000 to digitize the personal collections of 20 New York-based HistoryMakers during the years of 2024-2026. These collections will be made accessible on *The HistoryMakers Digital Library*.



The HistoryMakers Chief of Staff Zhu Sun and The HistoryMakers Digitization Advisory Board member Marilyn Dunn being awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation along with other foundation awardees.



The Hoskins family on Jones Beach



Maude and Clarence Long's 50th wedding anniversary

Gardiner's Island: A Rich History

Approximately five square miles in size, Gardiner's Island, a part of the town of East Hampton, has a rich, tumultuous history that spans nearly 400 years of ownership by the same family. It is the only real estate intact in the United States that is part of an original royal grant from the English Crown. The Island has survived Indian wars, pirates, invasion by British forces, war, and family issues. It is home to more than 1,000 acres of old growth forest, the largest stand of white oak trees in the Northeast, 1,000 acres of meadows, rare birds, Indian artifacts, and structures that date back to the 17th century.

Robert David Lion Gardiner, the last heir to bear the name Gardiner, said of his founding ancestors survey of the Island, "When he walked over it he found it had magnificent forests, saltwater ponds and fresh streams that he could dam and use for his livestock." The island was settled in 1639 by a man named Lion Gardiner after he retained a grant from King Charles I of England.

The HistoryMakers Capital Campaign

\$380,000 Grant Award



The HistoryMakers & Toyota Motor North America

Together, *The HistoryMakers* and Toyota Motor North America have partnered to champion mobility through access to opportunities. This partnership provides a one-year subscription to *The HistoryMakers Digital Archive* for the **Dallas Public Library**. It also provides a one-year subscription for *The HistoryMakers Digital Archive* for seven Historically Black Colleges and Universities, including: **Bowie State University**, **Lincoln University**, **Mississippi Valley State University**, **Wiley College**, **Dillard University**, **Grambling State University**, and **Johnson C. Smith University**. The gift supports a student ambassador at each institution who will champion the use of *The HistoryMakers Digital Archive* on their respective campus. After a two year absence due to the COVID19 pandemic, Toyota came aboard to sponsor *The HistoryMakers* return to Martha's Vineyard for Martha's Vineyard's Juneteenth weekend. Featured were the re-airing of the movie *Amistad*, the honoring of Captain Bill Pinkney who sailed solo twice around the world through the dangerous Cape Horn, a post reception at an actual shipyard and the interviewing of 16 HistoryMakers that included the following Toyota executive **Tellis Bethel** and Toyota owner/operator dealers: **Edward Anthony Brownlee**, **Irving Matthews**, and **Faith Mba**.



Dallas Public Library



The HistoryMakers group shot with Toyota Minority Dealers Association with Captain Bill Pinkney (far right)



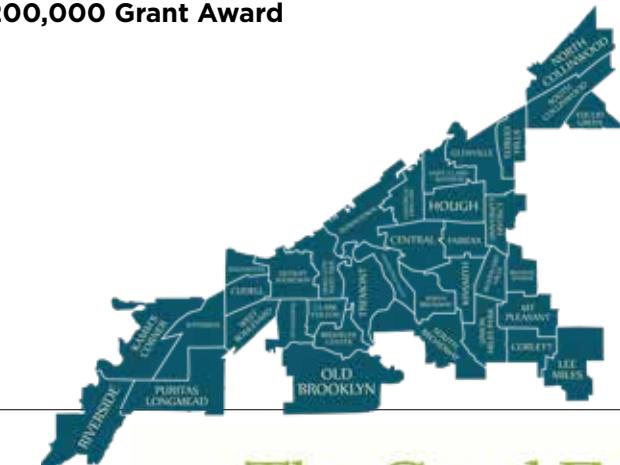
(l-r) Faith Mba with his son, Benjamin Mba aboard the Amistad



(l-r) Guests with Julieanna Richardson and Toyota's Alva Adams-Mason

The HistoryMakers Capital Campaign

\$200,000 Grant Award



**THE
GEORGE
GUND
FOUNDATION**

The Gund Foundation awards \$11.5 million at its November meeting

The George Gund Foundation awarded \$11.5 million at its November board meeting, led by significant investments in nonpartisan democracy building efforts across the state. Those investments totaled \$2.5 million to nine organizations: Greater Cleveland Congregations, Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association, Khnemu Foundation, Ohio Debate Commission, Ohio Organizing Collaborative, Ohio Progressive Collaborative Education Fund, Ohio Voice, Ohio Women's Alliance, and the Tides Foundation. These investments reflect our belief that a multicultural, power-balanced community is essential to build and sustain a more representative democracy.

\$200,000 over two years to **The HistoryMakers**, the nation's largest African American video oral history archive and the digital repository for the Black experience. In recognition of Cleveland's rich Black history, **The HistoryMakers** is developing the Cleveland/Northeast Ohio African American leaders collection, anchored by interviews with 33 local leaders to feature in **The HistoryMakers** archives.

“I am pleased to inform you that the Trustees of The George Gund Foundation have approved a two-year grant of \$200,000 to *The HistoryMakers* for Cleveland/Northeast Ohio African American Leaders in *The HistoryMakers Collection*”

Anthony Richardson
President, The George Gund Foundation

Media

60 Minutes

2023 brought significant national attention to *The HistoryMakers* with the airing by CBS 60 Minutes of an in-depth feature on *The HistoryMakers*. The feature aired first on Sunday, February 19, 2023 and then again on Sunday, July 23, 2023. CBS correspondent **Bill Whitaker**, producer **Marc Lieberman** and associate producer **Cassidy McDonald** did an excellent job of taking viewers behind the scenes at *The HistoryMakers* to see first hand its work of preserving the first person stories of African American leaders while educating the world about the African American experience. Thousands of people responded from across the United States. Featured here are a few of the responses that were received.



Opening scene on 60 Minutes

“At a time when we’re having a national discussion about how Black history fits into the American mosaic, we discovered that many stories of Black achievement are slipping away, going unpreserved for future generations. A nonpartisan, nonprofit organization called *The HistoryMakers* is hoping to change that, by creating an expansive digital archive of first-person accounts. Founder Julieanna Richardson told us she’s determined to document the Black experience in America, one story at a time.”

Bill Whitaker
Correspondent, 60 Minutes

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JACK AND JILL
of America, Inc.

“I am a member of Jack and Jill of America Inc. We are the oldest African American family organization who started in 1938 in Philadelphia. I would love to speak with someone on how to incorporate one of your programs into our national curriculum.”

Detra Hunt
Richmond, Virginia Chapter, Jack and Jill



Evelyn Higginbotham

“I have been meeting with my students individually over the past few days so that they can talk to me about their final paper topics for my course *African American Lives in the Law*. The students are finding the digital archive very helpful for their research, as I have often told you. They thank me for all the discoveries not only for my class but for their research in their other classes. However, in my student meeting just now, I had a unique experience that I thought you would like. My student Brianna Turner thanked me for introducing her to *The HistoryMakers* for a reason separate from her research paper. She thanked me because she found her grandmother Karen Hill Scott in the archive. Brianna shared her grandmother’s clips with her parents who also watched the interview. Thus, there are genealogical and other family history benefits to the archive!”

Evelyn Higginbotham
Victor S. Thomas Professor of History and of African and African American Studies, Harvard University

Media

60 Minutes



60 Minutes: Interview with Jonathan Scott Holloway, President of Rutgers University



Dave Isay

"I just wanted to be one of the many sending my congratulations on the excellent 60 Minutes piece! Here's hoping it leads to all kinds of wonderful things for you and the organization!! Hope all is well on all fronts, and keep up on keeping on!!"

Dave Isay
Founder, StoryCorps



Carlotta Walls LaNier

"With governors, senators, representatives, and the Supreme Court taking us back to Jim Crow days, we must stay vigilant. I think 60 Minutes needs to air that segment every quarter of the year. Your upbeat positive responses enlightens the stagnant minds of many black, white, brown, yellow, and red people. Thanks again and keep up the good work!"

Carlotta Walls LaNier
Youngest of the Little Rock Nine



Adele Logan Alexander

"The 60 Minutes piece on you and the mission of *The HistoryMakers* was absolutely luminous. Congratulations. You'll receive lots more praise, but none sooner -- or more genuine and enthusiastic -- than this. More to come."

Adele Logan Alexander
Author and Historian

Media

60 Minutes



Roderic I. Pettigrew

"Bravo Zulu Julieanna! What a contribution to the world you have made."

Roderic I. Pettigrew
CEO, EnHealth and Executive Dean, EnMed at Texas A&M University

"I want you to know that as a white teenager in the early 1970s, I worked with a black woman in the "Record Department" (vinyl records) of Fox and Sutherland in Mount Kisco, New York. We were in this narrow cubby that had all the records we sold placed on the walls. This woman was quite large, wore heavy calf length shirts and heavy stockings. She had the most beautiful complexion! Every once in a while, she would clasp her hands together and sing out the most beautiful song. Her name was Marian Anderson and she would take the train from the Brewster area to Mount Kisco to come to work. When I posted about her on "you know you're from Mount Kisco Facebook page, so many comments were "why would this famous person work there?" I was convinced I was mistaken - but an administrator did make the comment that it was true! I sure wish I had known more about her history! Just wanted to share!"

Elizabeth

"We just watched (for the second time) the 60 Minutes episode about you and your inspiring organization. I am a now 75-year-old, white, former taxi driver/owner from Portland, Oregon. In the very early 2000s, I was at my usual taxi stand at the Heathman Hotel. I was hailed by the doorman, pulled around the corner and saw standing next to her luggage, Maya Angelou. I put her luggage into the trunk of my cab. She said, "Good morning sir, I'm going to the airport." A minute or so later, she said, "Sir, are you married?" I replied, "Yes, nearly 20 years (at that time)." Ms Angelou asked, "Would your wife like to have these flowers? They'll be very difficult to travel on an airplane with." I replied, "Oh, goodness, yes. Thank you."

Anonymous



60 Minutes: The HistoryMakers staff meeting



60 Minutes: Interview of Maya Angelou

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60 Minutes: Bill Whitaker and Julieanna Richardson watching The HistoryMakers interview of Illinois State Senator Barack Obama



Juan Williams

“Congratulations on your 60 Minutes segment last night. Obviously, you are a star. But the importance of the signal regarding black history being all around us shined through, as well. Thank you!”

Juan Williams
Political Analyst, Fox News



Naomi Beckwith

“Amazing, heartfelt, cogent, brilliant and, yes, history-making! How great to finally see you on the other side of the interview table and I hope your own personal HistoryMakers interview is in that archive as well.”

Naomi Beckwith
Curator, The Guggenheim



Carrie Mae Weems

“Julieanna, you were both radiantly beautiful and pitch-perfect in your delivery.”

Carrie Mae Weems
Visual Artist / Photographer

Media

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Kathleen & Merald
“Bubba” Knight

“An awesome interview!! So important in this day and age when some folks wish we did not exist and are doing their best to make our history disappear!! Great job, Julieanna! Great job!”

Kathleen and Merald “Bubba” Knight
Bubba Knight is a member of Gladys Knight and the Pips



Ingrid Saunders Jones

“Julieanna, your words tonight were so powerful and, as you know, we all need to fiercely fight to keep our history on the record...and never erased! So so proud of you!”

Ingrid Saunders Jones
*Former Chair, National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW)
Former SVP, The Coca Cola Company and Chair, The Coca-Cola Foundation*



Deborah Brittain

“Although I saw it during its first airing, it seemed that I was seeing it anew this evening. Julieanna, your messaging about the program was excellent and timely. The re-airing was done at a critical time during what’s happening in Florida and other states today. I am honored that I quickly captured your vision five years ago to provide some support. I hope there are many others who will do likewise after the program tonight. Congratulations again!”

Deborah Brittain
Past President /Chairman, Association of Junior Leagues International & Former EVP, Preod Corporation



60 Minutes: Bill Whitaker touring The HistoryMakers archives



60 Minutes: Julieanna at her desk in the early days of The HistoryMakers

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60 Minutes: Bill Whitaker touring *The HistoryMakers*



60 Minutes: Bill Whitaker with football legend Jerry Rice



Shirley & Bernard Kinsey

“As you know, we have been on this journey with you for over 20 years and have seen your vision, dedication and your resolve implemented and executed. We have seen up close how difficult your journey has been and how tenacious you have been following your North Star. Your honoring thousands of our heroes and sheroes will stand as long as America is a Republic, one of our proudest moments is to be inducted into *The HistoryMakers* over twenty years ago. Congratulations to you and your staff on what you have built and sustained over the past 20 plus years.”

Bernard & Shirley Kinsey
Founders, The Kinsey Collection



Michele Norris-Johnson

“We watched with my nephew and were quite literally cheering at the TV, cheering and applauding you and your vision. You were more than ready for your moment in the spotlight. Shine on!!!! I hope this leads to even more bountiful things for *The HistoryMakers*. ”

Michele Norris-Johnson
NPR Journalist



Mark Whitaker

“Proud to have been interviewed for *The HistoryMakers* archive and deeply grateful for the resource in writing my books on Black History.”

Mark Whitaker
Journalist and Former Editor, Newsweek Magazine

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60 Minutes



David Pierce

“Thank you for your support in this project and permission to use excerpts from these interviews conducted by *The HistoryMakers*. Although I have been aware of *The HistoryMakers* since I started work at the Library, it was only when I started investigating the website for the presentation that I truly understood the importance of the project and the detail and care that was applied to each video history. The scale and range of the people interviewed by the project is remarkable. For example, I knew of Marion Barry as the mayor of Washington, DC, and that he had a civil rights background. His interview

communicated his charm and the determination that got him through so many reversals. And his testimony of how segregation was practiced in Memphis during his youth was both matter of fact and chilling to me as a modern viewer. The presentation of the histories on the website with the treatment of the interviews with careful segmentation, summaries, transcripts and metadata makes them so instantly findable and valuable to the researcher.”

David Pierce
Assistant Chief, Library of Congress National Audio-Visual Conservation Center – Packard Campus



Denise Gardner

“Congratulations! How moving it was to witness you share your journey and marvel at the impact. Indeed, you have helped reverse the experience for nine-year-old girls! That touched me. Thank you for all you’ve done and all you will do!”

Denise Gardner
Philanthropist & Board Chair, The Art Institute of Chicago



Charles P. Henry

“I just finished watching the wonderful interview with you on 60 Minutes. It was a special moment when you placed your interviews in the context of the Slave Narratives at the Library of Congress. Like you I had no Black history in the Newark High School which is why your Dad helped me get permission from the School Board to do several guest lectures in Black history every week at Newark High School in the American history classes during my senior year at Denison University. It was great to briefly see the picture of him and you together and I know he would be very proud of what you have accomplished.”

Charles P. Henry
Professor Emeritus of African American Studies, University of California, Berkeley

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60 Minutes



60 Minutes: Student Work at Huth Middle School

"I was profoundly moved watching the 60 Minutes interview with Ms. Richardson. As a white woman her age, how different my life and all our lives would have been if the experiences of African Americans would have been honored all along. The curriculum mentioned in the interview should be made a part in every classroom and every grade, as those who have deemed the history we have been taught is full and complete were in grievous error. The United States would be unspeakably different were it not for the sacrifice of African Americans. Thank you so very, very much for your lifetime of service to others, to us all."

Denise Fearn

"My grandsons are mixed race young men - high school & middle school. I saw the segment on 60 minutes. How can I get my boys involved?"

Kim Emery

"I had the privilege of meeting and coordinating with you in 2006 when you interviewed then Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute President Shirley Ann Jackson for *The HistoryMakers*. At the time, I was amazed by your project, vision, and passion. What you have created/accomplished is incredible, but not surprising, given what I remember was your pleasant, persistent, focused determination. Thank you for what you have done for our country."

Theresa Bourgeois

Founder, Esperance Consulting

Media

60 Minutes

"FANTASTIC!!!!!! There is practically nothing more important...and the way your idea has flourished, just incredible. It's beyond vital that a people know their history, their identity, shoulders to stand on, to be proud of, to grow and learn from. "Generation to generation" l'dor va dor...absolutely vital XOXO (especially more than ever in today's USA where the outrageous and dangerous attempt to destroy truth and a people is rampant). BRAVA!!! to your brilliant idea, vision, perseverance and great heart...healing and making our world a better place."

Susie Shapiro

"I am 100% German even with a hispanic surname. I am 61 years old. I was absolutely enraged when the movie came out about the African American women who worked as mathematicians for NASA and the space program. I felt so CHEATED by the public education system and what was CHOSEN to be taught in the curriculum. I grew up only seeing Sanford & Son, Good Times and the Jefferson's. Mainly my understanding of the black community was poor people in subsidized housing (projects). We had moved out of the city when I was 10. We were a 'poor' family in a very wealthy school system. In my four years, there was only one African American student and I don't recall her being there for an entire year. I can't even begin to tell you how ENRAGED I am that black history (such as it is) is now being excluded by school systems. Thank you for all you are doing."

Sheila M Flores



Brenda Lauderback

"What a wonderful and well deserved segment on 60 Minutes. It was such a complete and inspirational piece. You truly deserve this renowned recognition for all you have done, all you are doing and all you will do to preserve our stories, our life and our history. You truly exemplify what and who a HistoryMaker is! Bravo, Bravo."

Brenda Lauderback
Board Chair, Denny's



Michelle T. Boone

"I'm in tears! So, so good! I hope this generates more support and awareness for *The HistoryMakers*. Great piece! Bravo!"

Michelle T. Boone
President & CEO, The Poetry Foundation

Media

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60 Minutes: Digitization of Eartha Kitt's Papers



60 Minutes: Ford Foundation President Darren Walker announcing The HistoryMakers \$1 million Grant Award

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Jacqueline Bradley

“I watched 60 Minutes with great pride and adoration. Thanks for making our peoples’ valuable life stories visible. Your vision and dedication is a blessing to us all.”

Jacqueline Bradley
Investment Banker and Philanthropist



Dr. Donald E. Wilson

“Your interview was magnificent. It was obviously deeply felt, motivating and technically perfect. Congratulations! It will certainly generate a big boost for *The HistoryMakers*. ”

Dr. Donald E. Wilson, MD, MACP, AGAF
Executive Director, Association for Academic Minority Physicians



Dr. Jeanne Sinkford

“Congratulations on the wonderful HistoryMakers’ story and your legacy! May you continue your exceptional vision for expansion of the digital library! Stay well!”

Dr. Jeanne Sinkford, DDS., PhD.
*Professor and Dean Emerita, Howard University,
College of Dentistry*



Brig. Gen. Leo A. Brooks

“I just wanted to let you know how awesome I thought you were in your very poised, professional, and passionate comments. Well done!!”

Brigadier General Leo A. Brooks



Teresa Clarke

“It was especially inspiring to see you in front of the camera for once. Bravo!!”

Teresa Clarke
Founder, Africa.com / Chair of Smithsonian Museum of African Art

“You just reached out through the TV tonight and captured my mind and soul. I had no idea of the riches you have shown us. I can’t wait to engage with *The HistoryMakers*. Thank you from my heart, for this gift. You are a national treasure, and you are a HistoryMaker yourself. (Full disclosure: I am a 74-year-old woman of German/Dutch/English heritage.)”

Anonymous



Eva Chess

“I was mesmerized and so proud of you. I KNOW how long you’ve labored and am delighted for you to enjoy these and all the “fruits” to come. Get ready for all that lies ahead. Cheers and much love!”

Eva Chess
Chief Marketing Officer, PPC

“I commend you for your research and interest in digitizing Black History in America. It is beautiful that you are preserving a history that too little is known about.”

John William Vornholt



60 Minutes: Reverend Billy Kyles at assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Media

60 Minutes



60 Minutes: William Warfield in German Production of "Ol' Man River"

“You have done a great service with this repository. I applaud you and your staff for moving forward with a site dedicated to achievement and patriotism, among other things.”

Jerome Mapp

“I’m 75, a second-generation Polish/Ukrainian Caucasian. I’m sick and tired of all the hatred in this country. “We the People” is supposed to mean ALL the people. Take care and keep up the good work.”

Al Przybyla

“To see your story on the same day I heard about my state’s Governor signing a bill allowing the “benefit” of slavery to be taught in school is beyond dichotomy. I hope that your life’s work will open eyes and minds and somehow hasten the end of racism in our country. Thank you for all you do.”

Stefanie Beck

“Yours is an important and needed service. We need you to continue. Many thanks.”

Theresa Schaeffe

Media

60 Minutes

“I’m a privileged older white male. Where would I start to read and learn and immerse in black history? I’m thankful you exist.”

Nathan Laskey

“I just watched your interview which aired on tonight’s 60 Minutes show and I wanted to applaud your efforts in ensuring that the rich history of trailblazing Black Americans is adequately documented and shared with the masses. Without your work these stories may have been lost for generations and having a firsthand account from these notable individuals is truly priceless!”

“This interview brought me to tears and I cannot wait to start listening to the archived interviews. No need to worry about a legacy. You have secured it for all of us. Thank you!”

Adriana Seawright

“I cried! I thought of all those hours back in that room editing. It was all so worth it.”

Cassandra Voltolina

Freelance Editor, The HistoryMakers



60 Minutes: Julieanna Richardson with Bill Whitaker



60 Minutes: Students at Huth Middle School, Matteson Illinois

Programs and Presentations

Higher Education Advisory Committee Meeting

February 5-6, 2023

The HistoryMakers convened its Sixth Annual Higher Education Advisory Board Meeting at the UVA Darden Sands Family Grounds in Arlington, Virginia. Over 65 advisory board members, staff, and guests from 40 colleges and universities were in attendance. The advisory board meeting began with a welcome from The HistoryMakers Founder & President Julieanna Richardson, University of Virginia's John Unsworth, Dean of Libraries and Michael Gerard Mason, Dean of African-American Affairs, Harvard University's Victor S. Thomas, Professor of History and Evelyn Higginbotham, African and African American Studies. Carnegie Mellon University's Michael Christel presented about their work on *The HistoryMakers Digital Archive*. Attendees represented over 10 different disciplines, including African/a & African American Studies, Public Affairs, Biological and Medical Sciences, History, Race & Ethnic Studies, Social Sciences, Education, Business & Entrepreneurship, English, Political Science, Journalism, Legal Studies, and Psychology, among others. Each advisory board member came prepared with reports on how they successfully integrated *The HistoryMakers Digital Archive* into their curriculum. Also, in attendance were *The HistoryMakers* Student Ambassadors from Dillard University, Grambling University, Howard University, Prairie View A&M University, Tuskegee University and Wellesley College as well as K-12 Matteson District 162 Dr. Blondegan Davis and Yvonne Williams, Chief Special Education Officer. Everyone left energized and excited to implement the new ideas shared and the new ideas generated.



The HistoryMakers 6th Annual Higher Education Advisory Committee Attendees



Introduction of *The HistoryMakers* Student Ambassadors

Programs and Presentations

NFL & *The HistoryMakers*' Virtual Program

February 24, 2023

The HistoryMakers hosted *Behind the Scenes with The HistoryMakers and the NFL* and *NFL Films*. This invite-only session featured NFL General Counsel Jeff Pash, The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr. of Covington and Burling, who serves as one of the outside counsel for the National Football League. Participants learned about the unique partnership between the NFL, NFL Films and *The HistoryMakers*. In addition, NFL Films has donated to *The HistoryMakers* hundreds of hours of footage from interviews with Pro Football Hall of Fame players. They are also donating their production services to provide for the addition of 125 African-American football players into *The HistoryMakers* archives, which are housed permanently at the Library of Congress.

Participants Included:

Alva Adams-Mason
Deborah Brittain
Toni Cook Bush
Kamau Coar
Johnnetta Cole
Cecilia Conrad
John W. Daniels

Earnest Ellison
Billy Glunz
Allison Green
Robert Hatchett
Eric G. Johnson
Gary Johnson
Theo Killian

Brenda Lauderback
Michele Coleman Mayes
Ronald McNeil
Luis Montero
Paula Price
Dmitri Stockton
Troy Vincent



NFL & *The HistoryMakers*' Virtual Program Zoom Meeting

Programs and Presentations

Wellesley Keynote Address

March 2, 2023

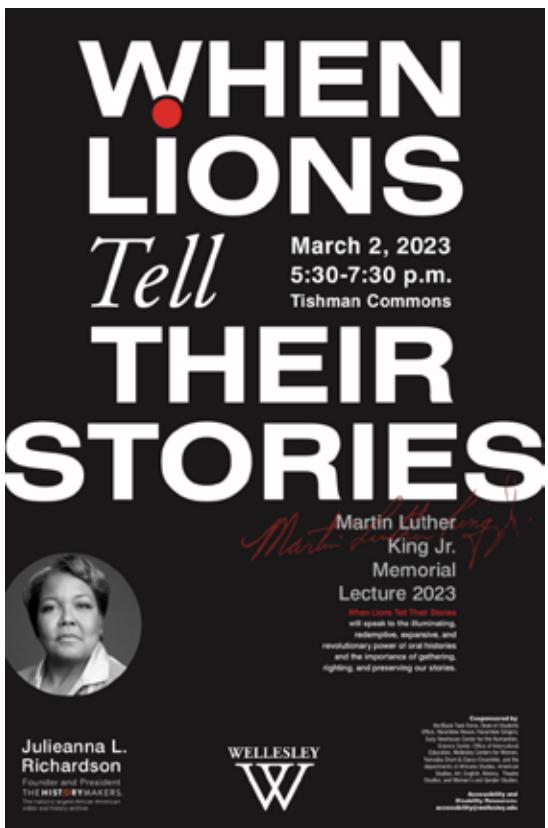
In joint celebration of Black History Month and Women's History Month, Trinidadian poet and Africana studies professor *Liseli Fitzpatrick* invited *Julieanna Richardson* to Wellesley College to give Wellesley Colledge's MLK lecture on the theme of *When Lions Tell Their Stories*. Wellesley College president *Dr. Paula Johnson* was in attendance and was interviewed by *Julieanna Richardson* for *The HistoryMakers* archives. During the two day stay, *Richardson* met with Africana Studies faculty and students, gave an oral history training session at the Harambee House and met with Claff Library staff and archival staff. The visit also featured the work of *Izzy Torkornoo*, '23 (2022-2023), *The HistoryMakers* Student Ambassador.



Wellesley College Audience at Tishman Commons



Julieanna Richardson with Wellesley College Students



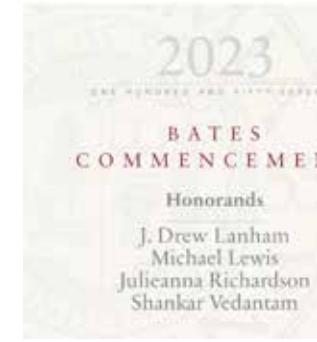
Wellesley lecture MLK Jr. 23 When Lions Tell Their Stories

Programs and Presentations

Bates College Honorary Degree

May 27, 2023

Julieanna Richardson travelled to Lewiston, Maine where she received an Honorary Doctorate from Bates College along with *Shankar Vedantam*, founder and host of the popular science podcast series *Hidden Brain*, *Michael Lewis*, award winning nonfiction writer of *Moneyball*, *The Big Short* and *Going Infinite: The Rise and Fall of a New Tycoon* about Sam Bankman Fried and ornithologist and naturalist *J. Drew Lanham* who also served as the commencement speaker for Bates College 2023 commencement.



Bates College Commencement Honorees



Julieanna Richardson receiving Bates College Honorary Degree

“We work frequently with teachers and students from community schools and other universities.... A digitization project would definitely be an exciting opportunity.”

Thai Jones
Herbert H. Lehman Curator for
American History Rare Book & Manuscript Library
Columbia University

Programs and Presentations

The HistoryMakers at Martha's Vineyard

June 11-22, 2023

For the first time in the history of our doing interviews and programs on Martha's Vineyard, *The HistoryMakers* held its programs on Martha's Vineyard during the Juneteenth holiday and Father's Day. Toyota was the title sponsor and HistoryMakers attended from across the United States. The festivities began on Friday, June 16, 2023 with the re-airing of the *Amistad* feature film at the Martha's Vineyard Film Center. Then HistoryMaker Captain *Bill Pinkney*, who travelled from Puerto Rico, was featured in the program *Free as the Wind: Maritime Escape from Slavery*. Captain *Pinkney* made history when he sailed solo around the world via Cape Horn. He also served as the First Captain of the ship *Amistad*, which was docked for three days in Vineyard Haven and Edgartown for tours. Captain *Pinkney* was interviewed by Martha's Vineyard Time's columnist *Skip Finley* about his time at sea as well as about the history of African Americans who found freedom on the high seas. During *The HistoryMakers* time on Martha's Vineyard, Board Chair *Toni Cook Bush* hosted a dinner for the staff and the executives of Toyota.



The HistoryMakers at Martha's Vineyard Program



(l-r) Dealer Principal, Toyota of Gladstone Irving Matthews with Reginald Jackson
(l-r) Julieanna Richardson, Fletcher "Flash" Wiley and Leon Dash
(l-r) Shannon Brownlee, Leon Dash, Olabisi and Anthony Brownlee
(l-r) The HistoryMakers Board Chair Toni Cook Bush, Jackie Bush and other guests on board the Amistad

Programs and Presentations

American Library Association Breakfast and Exhibition

June 23 - 26, 2023

The American Library Association hosted its annual conference in Chicago and *The HistoryMakers* hosted a breakfast for its subscribing institutions. In attendance were Chicago Public Library Commission *Chris Brown*, Governors State University president *Cheryl Green* and the former director of libraries for the University of Arkansas as well as library staff from American University, Chicago State University, Duke University, Morgan State University, Tufts University, University of Alabama. Also, *The HistoryMakers* hosted its own booth where hundreds learned more about *The HistoryMakers Digital Archive*.



(l-r) Ben Greer and Elias Rodriguez at the ALA exhibit hall



Attendees at the ALA breakfast hosted by the American Library Association

“Your invitation for Southland College Prep Charter High School to participate in this unique event created a most memorable opportunity for our students.”

Richard Barry
Southland College Prep Charter High School

Programs and Presentations

The HistoryMakers Summer Education Institute

July 10-14, 2023

Thanks to *The HistoryMakers* Board member and Jenner & Block's Managing Partner Randy Mehrberg, *The HistoryMakers* held its week long Summer Education Institute both for its Faculty Fellows and its K-12 teachers. Faculty and teachers travelled from across the United States to learn how to center their curriculum at both the university and K-12 levels around use of *The HistoryMakers Digital Archive* in the classroom. *The HistoryMakers* thanked the event team at Jenner & Block, volunteer coordinator Phyllis Ray, Director of Education Dr. Barbara Radner, Sharion Brown, Evonda Haith and Master Faculty Fellows Liseli Fitzpatrick, Anastasia Bailey and Steven Keener for travelling to Chicago to help facilitate the success of *The HistoryMakers* 2023 Summer Education Institute.



Southland School District's Superintendent Dr. Blondegan Davis presenting



Opening session of *The HistoryMakers* Summer Education Institute



K-12 Summer Institute Teacher Participants

National Conference of State Legislatures

August 14-15, 2023

Julieanna Richardson travelled to Indianapolis at the invitation of Gene Rose, Chief Communications Officer for the National Conference of State Legislators to speak on the theme of *The Lost Stories: The Lessons of Preserving Black History*. She spoke to a standing room only crowd and then again the next day, she spoke to the National Conference of Black State Legislators about her work on *Pioneers in The Struggle: The History of African Americans in the Illinois General Assembly (1877-2001)* - the video oral history, curriculum and documentary project that *The HistoryMakers* spearheaded in 2001 to trace the history of African Americans in the Illinois General Assembly.



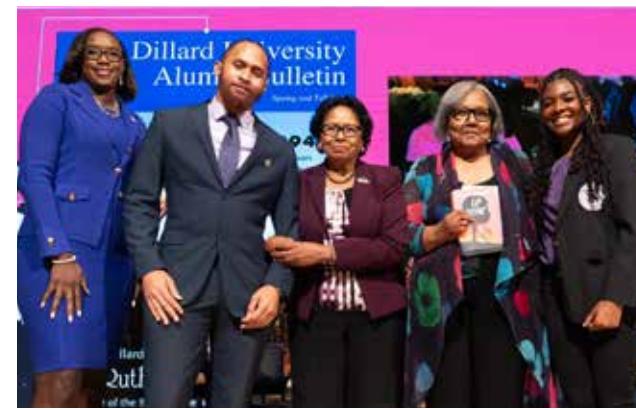
"Preservation is key because preservation shows value."
—Julieanna Richardson

Programs and Presentations

A Conversation with Ruth J. Simmons and Julieanna Richardson

September 12, 2023

The HistoryMakers' Julieanna Richardson and Alexander Paterson travelled on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 to Prairie View A&M University to interview former Prairie View University president Ruth J. Simmons about her memoir, *Up Home: One Girl's Journey*. The memoir details Dr. Simmons' extraordinary life, from her humble beginnings as the daughter of sharecroppers in East Texas to her historic appointment as the first African American president of an Ivy League University. Hosting *The HistoryMakers* was Professor and Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs Emerita Emma Joahanne Thomas-Smith who also scheduled a personalized tour of Prairie View's campus along with meeting with faculty and library staff. *The HistoryMakers* Student Ambassador Delicia Drain also participated in the program.



Group shot on stage after the program



Julieanna Richardson interviews former Prairie View President Ruth J. Simmons

The African American Episcopal Historical Collection's 20th Anniversary Symposium

October 11, 2023

At the invitation of HistoryMaker Riley Temple, The HistoryMakers' Julieanna Richardson gave the virtual keynote address for the African American Episcopal Historical Collection (AAEHC) 20th Anniversary Symposium. Toni Cook Bush attended and spoke on behalf of The HistoryMakers. Riley is AAEHC's Collection Growth Specialist and is responsible for preserving the Episcopal Church's African American collections.



(l-r) AAEHC's Riley Temple at podium with The HistoryMakers Board Chair Toni Cook Bush

Audience at AAEHC 20th Anniversary Symposium

Programs and Presentations

Fulbright Association

October 20, 2023

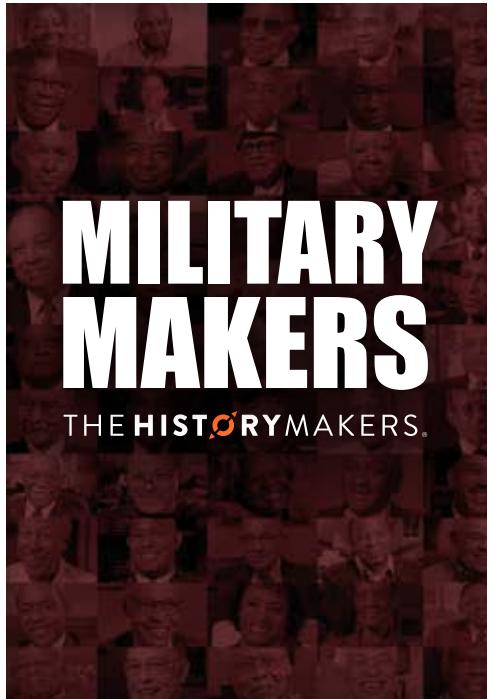
Julieanna Richardson travelled to Denver, Colorado to serve as the keynote speaker for the 46th Anniversary Fulbright Conference in Denver, Colorado. The conference theme was *Our Responsibility for a Better World*. Thanks goes out to HistoryMaker and Fulbright Chairwoman Justice Cynthia Baldwin, Fulbright President John Bader and Fulbright's Director of National Events Alicia Montague who allowed *The HistoryMakers* exposure to the Fulbright Association community of leaders.



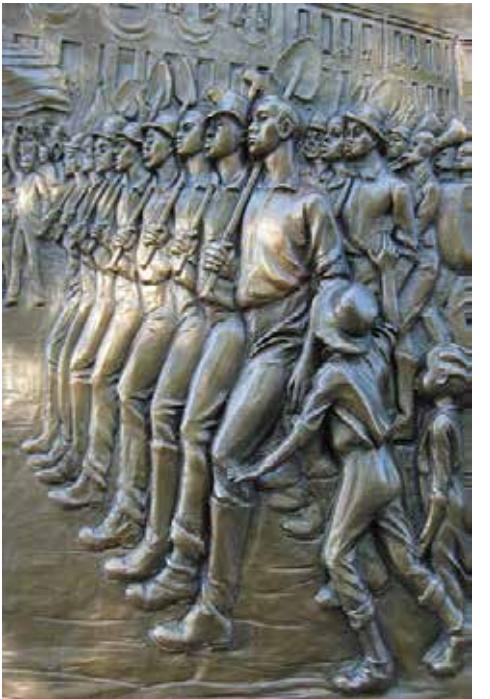
MilitaryMakers – Black Veterans Program, Sponsored by Boeing

October 27, 2023

With Bernice "Bea" Billups of Boeing, *The HistoryMakers* partnered with Eli Williamson and Emanuel Johnson of *Leave No Veteran Behind*. Local veterans and political officials attended. The *MilitaryMakers* book that traces the heritage of the history of African Americans in U.S. military from the 1600s to the present was distributed to everyone in attendance.



The MilitaryMakers program cover



The Black Brigade of Cincinnati American Civil War Memorial honors the free African Americans who constructed the defensive fortifications around Cincinnati, Ohio, during the American Civil War, in preparation of a potential Confederate attack.

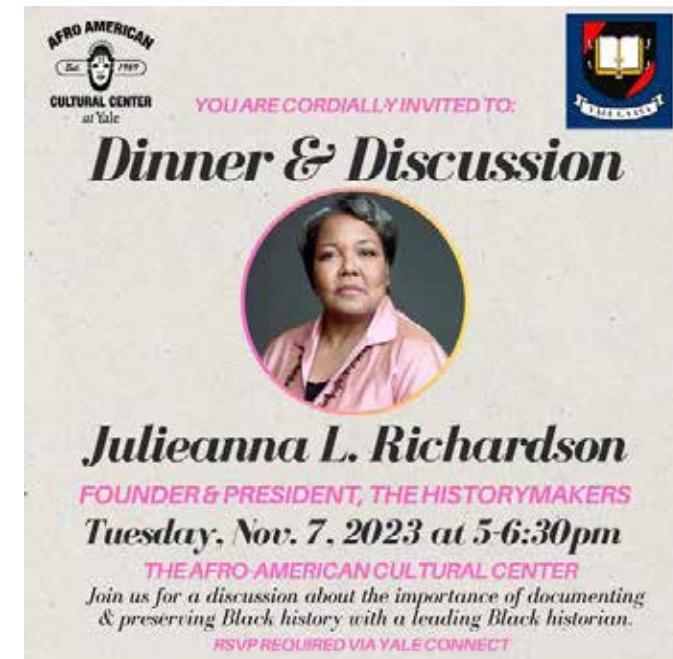
Programs and Presentations

The HistoryMakers at Yale University's Trumbull College

November 7, 2023

Yale University's Fahmeed Hyder, Head of Trumbull College and his wife, Anita Sharif-Hyder invited Julieanna Richardson to speak at Trumbull College, one of Yale's fourteen residential colleges.

This was the first time since 2015 that *The HistoryMakers* had visited Yale. Richardson also met with several faculty while she was on campus as well as Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Larry Gladney and professors Robert Stepto and Stephen Carter and University Librarian Barbara Rockenbach. She also presented before the Yale's African American Affinity Group as well as Yale's Afro Am House where Afro Am House Director Timeica E. Bethel-Macaire did an excellent job of interviewing her in front of a group of 60 students. Trumbull's Senior Administrative Assistant Reese McCloud and Trumbull's Assistant Director of Operations Deborah Bellmore facilitated Richardson's visit to Yale.



Event invitation



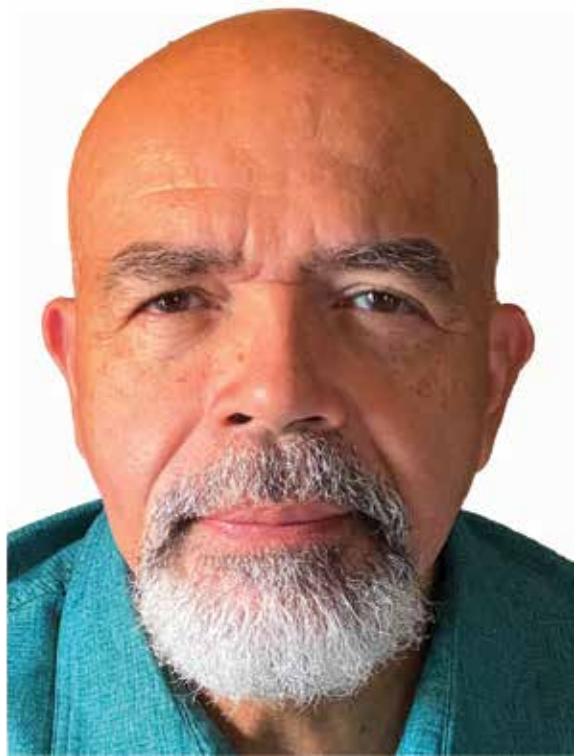
Faculty Dinner hosted by Anita Sharif-Hyder



Trumbull College Student Dinner hosted by Fahmeed Hyder and Anita Sharif-Hyder



Group Shot at Yale's Afro Am House

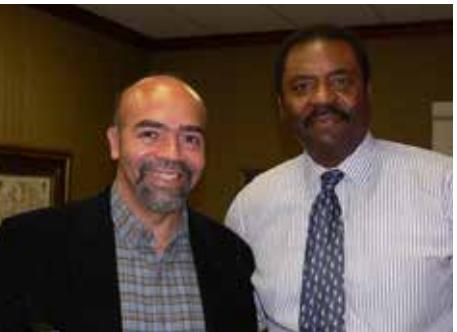
The HistoryMakers Interview Team**LARRY CROWE***Lead Interviewer***2,155**INTERVIEWS
CONDUCTED

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It's a tremendous responsibility to conduct these [oral history] interviews because these are people's life stories and most of the time it is the only recording like this that they have.



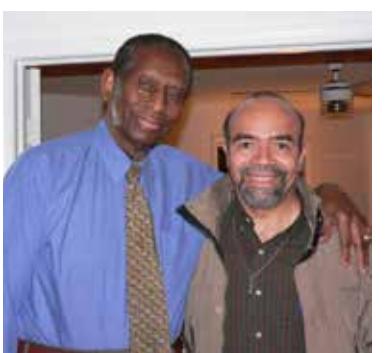
Educator Harrell S. Spruill, Mrs. Spruill and Larry Crowe



David Steward and Larry Crowe



Desiree Rogers and Larry Crowe



First Black NBA player Earl Francis Lloyd and Larry Crowe



Educator Harold Pates and Larry Crowe



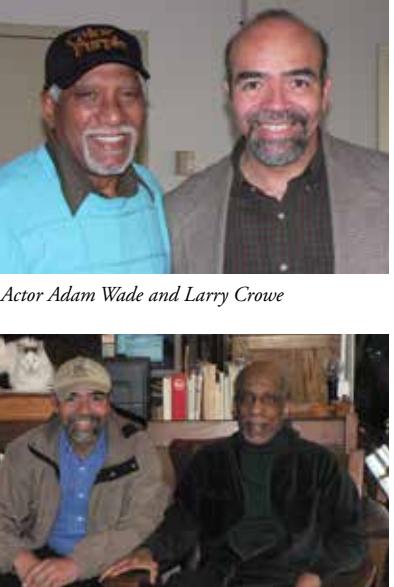
Dorothy A. Terrell and Larry Crowe

The HistoryMakers Interview Team

Actress and theatre director Billie Allen and Larry Crowe



Larry Crowe and Margaret Bush Wilson



Choreographer Eleo Pomare and Larry Crowe



The Hon. Togo D. West and Larry Crowe



Congresswoman Diane Watson and Larry Crowe



Actor Lou Myers and Larry Crowe



Broadcasting executive Marv Dyson, Mrs. Dyson, Interviewers Sasha Dalton and Larry Crowe



Larry Crowe, Andrew Young and Ed Anderson



Larry Crowe and Geoffrey Holder



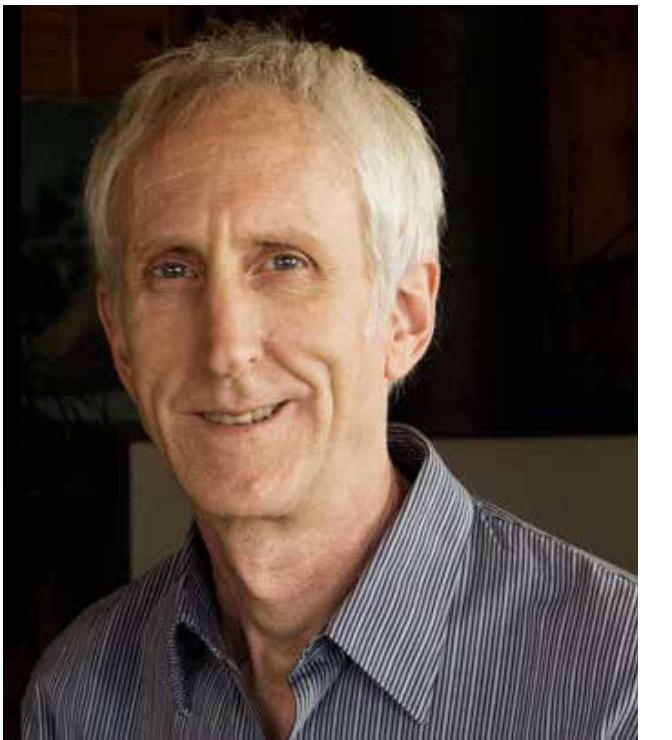
Alice Wwindom and Larry Crowe



Askia Toure and Larry Crowe

The HistoryMakers Interview Team**SCOTT STEARNS**

VIDEOGRAPHER

**1,682**INTERVIEWS
RECORDED

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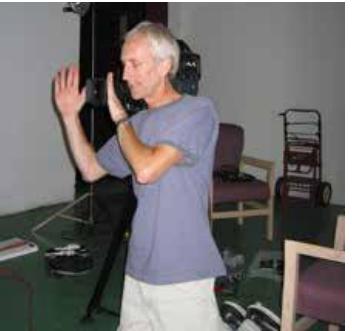
It's been a profound experience to spend time with people whose stories comprise *The HistoryMakers*' collection. A lifetime of memories flow from over a thousand interview sessions over the past two decades and no brief recollection can adequately acknowledge the hospitality, kindness, and inspiration that's been extended to me by so many.



Larry Crowe, Art Norman and Scott Stearns



Julieanna Richardson, Scott Stearns, Adrian Jackson



Scott Stearns



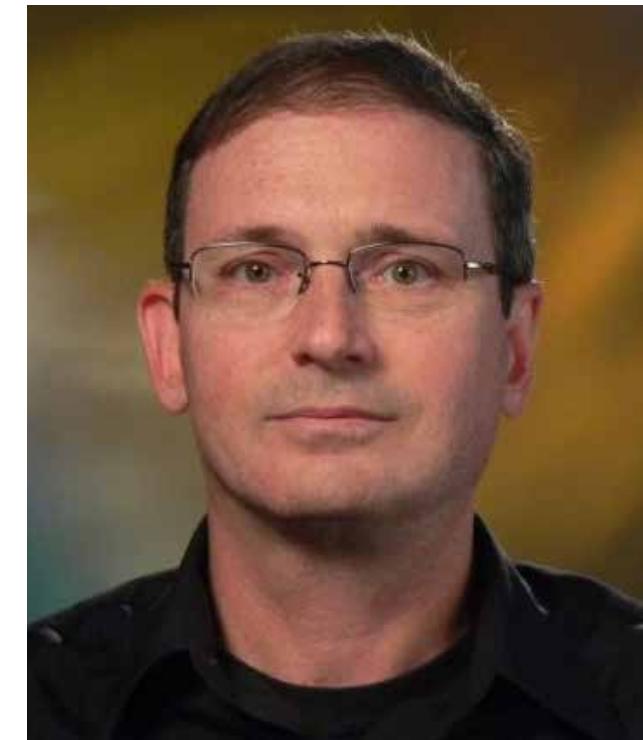
Carole Henderson Tyson and Scott Stearns



Jazz Saxophonist Sonny Rollins with Scott Stearns

The HistoryMakers Interview Team**MATTHEW HICKEY**

VIDEOGRAPHER

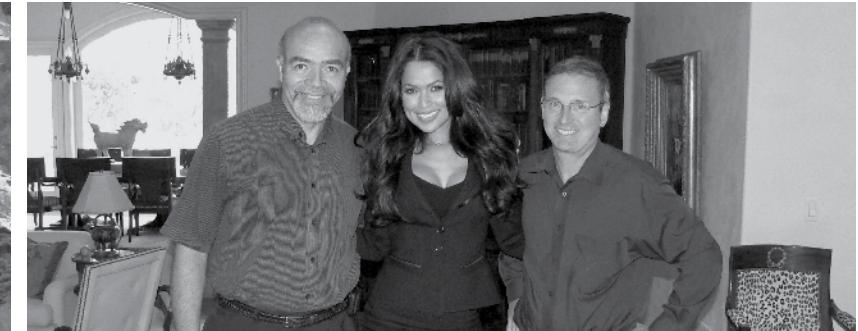
**1,879**INTERVIEWS
RECORDED

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My job at *The HistoryMakers* is as important as ever. African American history is actively being suppressed to this day. My job is a privilege and imperative.



Matthew Hickey in Utah (March 2008)



Larry Crowe, Tracey Edmonds and Matthew Hickey



Matthew Hickey, Dorothy McIntyre and Dr. Regennia Williams



Matthew Hickey with his camera

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ArtMakers
 Sheril Antonio
 Sheila Bridges
 Regina Brooks
 Margaret Ford-Taylor
 Irene Gandy
 Femi Heggie
 Jae Jarrell
 Rashid Johnson
 Virginia Johnson
 Jamal Joseph
 Bakari Kitwana
 Charles Martin
 Marilyn Nance
 Mabel Robinson
 Tracy K. Smith
 Lowery Stokes Sims
 Iké Udé
 Michele F. Wallace

BusinessMakers
 Thomas J. Baltimore, Jr.
 Tellis Bethel
 Frederick H. Black
 Sylvia Sloan Black
 Johnnie Booker
 Sharon Y. Bowen
 Robert J. Brown
 Edward Anthony Brownlee
 James I. Cash, Jr.
 Bert Dearing, Jr.
 Willie A. Deese
 Charla L. Draper
 Blairton Hampton
 Linda A. Hill
 Julius H. Hollis
 James J. Hutchinson, Jr.
 Melissa E. James
 Dwight Johnson
 Phillip Craig Johnson
 Frank Christopher Lee
 Connie L. Lindsay
 Candace Matthews
 Irving Matthews
 Faith Mbá
 Ronald D. McCray
 Thomas D. McElroy

CivicMakers
 Michael Henry Adams
 Sherry Bronfman
 Derek R. B. Douglas
 Shirley Frye
 Stacie NC Grant
 Tracie D. Hall
 Velma Hill
 Chevy Humphrey
 Charmaine Jefferson
 Jamal Joseph
 Crystal McCrary McGuire
 Donald F. McHenry
 Beverly McKenna
 DeRay McKesson
 Rashad Robinson
 Stephanie Royal
 Ann Smith
 Jennifer Smith Turner
 Lana Turner
 Robert Wedgeworth
 Goldie Franks Wells

EducationMakers
 Carmen Twillie Ambar
 Tomiko Brown-Nagin
 Blondean Davis
 Michael V. Drake
 Antoine M. Garibaldi
 Michael Gomez

Randy McShepard
 Scott M. Mills
 Myrtle Potter
 Paula A. Price
 Guy Primus
 Vikki Pryor
 James E. Royal
 Michael Russell
 Anthony Samuels
 Rev. Hilton O. Smith
 Bonita Stewart
 Tracey Travis
 Lisa W. Wardell
 Elrick Williams
 Ernest Wooden, Jr.
 Margaret Young

EntertainmentMakers
 Margaret Avery
 Ruth E. Carter
 Jesse Collins
 Angelo A. Ellerbee
 LisaGay Hamilton
 Rikki Hughes
 Charles D. King
 Doug McHenry
 Brenda Robinson

LawMakers
 Sharon Y. Bowen
 The Hon. Karen Freeman-Wilson
 The Hon. Henry Frye
 Graham C. Grady
 The Hon. Saul A. Green
 Conrad K. Harper
 Henderson Hill
 The Hon. Bernette Johnson
 Frederick R. Nance
 The Hon. Solomon Oliver, Jr.
 The Hon. Kwame Y. Raoul
 DeMaurice Smith
 The Hon. Melody J. Stewart
 The Hon. Deborah M. Turner
 Steven H. Wright

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MediaMakers
 Edmund W. Gordon
 Dr. Paula A. Johnson
 Jamal Joseph
 Robin D. G. Kelley
 Adele Logan Alexander
 Dwight McBride
 Mark Anthony Neal
 Zaldwaynaka "Z" Scott
 Reynold Verret
 Jonathan Lee Walton

PoliticalMakers
 Jacqueline Adams
 Amy DuBois Barnett
 Danielle Belton
 Farai Chideya
 Stephannia Cleaton
 Darryl Ford Williams
 Robin Givhan
 Kimberly Godwin
 Danita Harris
 Wonya Lucas
 Fred B. Mitchell
 Richard "Dick" Peery

MedicalMakers
 E. Loraine Baugh
 Dr. Carol Bennett
 Dr. Paula A. Johnson
 Dr. John Lumpkin
 Dr. Anne Maitland
 Dr. Dwight McKenna
 Dr. Charles S. Modlin
 Dr. Airica Steed

SportsMakers
 William "Bill" Hayes
 Curtis McClinton
 Drew Pearson
 DeMaurice Smith

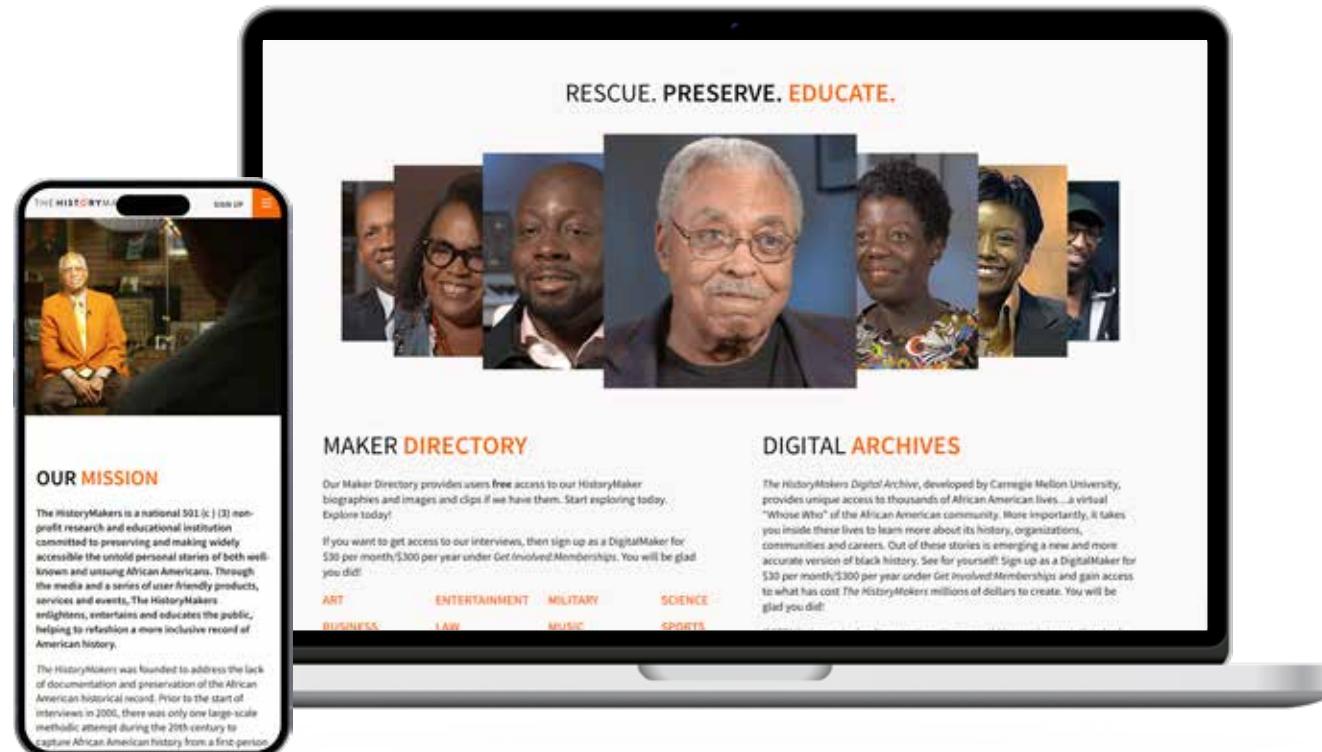
StyleMakers
 Jeffrey Banks
 Bernice Calvin
 Roslyn C. Chapman
 Alva Chinn
 Brandice N. Daniel
 Eunice Mosley Dudley
 Joe Louis Dudley
 Robin Givhan
 Jon Haggins*
 Beverly Johnson

MusicMakers
 Dallas Austin
 Shirley Caesar
 Roger Dickerson
 Lisa Fischer
 George Freeman
 Fernando Jones
 Patricia Neely
 Toshi Reagon
 Maimouna Youssef

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“I saw the update on your astounding story on 60 Minutes on Sunday. I was so pleased to see the robust relationship with the Library of Congress had come true. Just the right place for the precious assets you have been collecting. Congratulations to you for your vision and how far you have taken the dream.

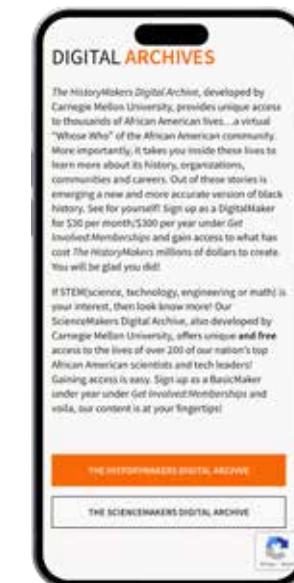
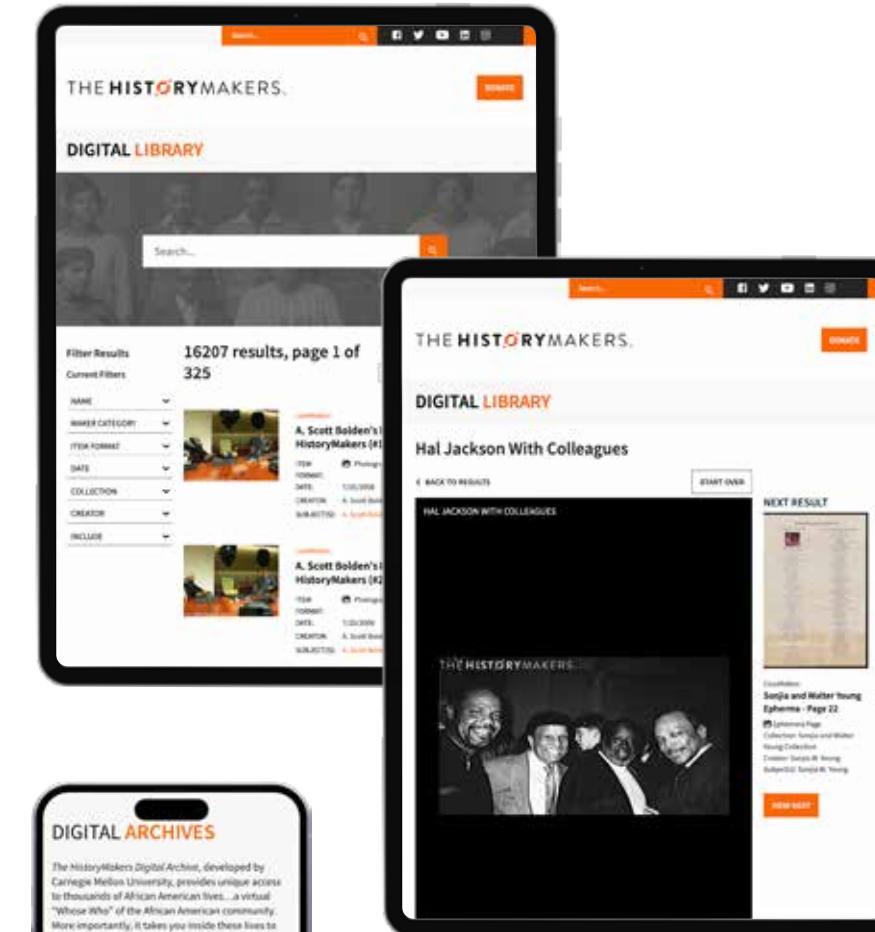
-JULIA STASCH FORMER PRESIDENT, THE MACARTHUR FOUNDATION

CREATING A MORE INCLUSIVE RECORD OF AMERICAN HISTORY

The HistoryMakers' mission has been to educate the world about the history, lives, careers and accomplishments of African Americans across a variety of disciplines - the arts, business, civic engagement, education, entertainment, law, the media, medicine, STEM, the military, music, politics, religion, sports, and fashion & beauty - by making its content accessible worldwide and a free public website. With The HistoryMakers Digital Archive, users can access thousands of first person accounts of African American leaders from desktop, portable devices, and smart phones 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, anywhere in the world. The HistoryMakers Collection represents the only massive attempt to record the black experience since the WPA Slave Narratives of the 1930s. The Library of Congress serves as our permanent repository.

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Now, 205 colleges, universities, public libraries, museums, K-12 schools, and corporations provide free access to *The HistoryMakers Digital Archive* for patrons, students, faculty, and employees. **Bank of America, Toyota Motor North America, The Boeing Company, and the Knight Foundation** have all gifted subscriptions to select institutions, as has HistoryMakers Barbara Alleyne, John W. Daniels, Jr., Shelley Stewart, Jr., Fletcher "Flash" Wiley, and others.

Colleges & Universities

Alabama

Alabama A&M University
University of Alabama
University of Tuskegee University
Troy University

Arkansas

Arkansas State University
University of Arkansas
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

California

Fullerton College
Stanford University
The Claremont Colleges
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Southern California

Colorado

Colorado State University
United States Air Force Academy

Connecticut

Yale University

Delaware

University of Delaware

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Rollins College, Florida
Florida A&M University
Florida International University
Palm Beach State College

Georgia

Clark Atlanta University
Emory University
Morehouse College
Morehouse School of Medicine
Spelman College
University of Georgia

Illinois

Chicago State University
Columbia College Chicago
DePaul University
Dominican University
Governors State University
Northwestern University
Oakton Community College
University of Chicago
University of Illinois, Chicago

Indiana

Indiana University, Bloomington
Purdue University

Iowa

University of Iowa

Kentucky

Bluegrass Community & Technical College
Eastern Kentucky University

Louisiana

Dillard University
Grambling State University
Southern University and A&M College
Xavier University of Louisiana

Maryland

Bowie State University
Johns Hopkins University
Morgan State University

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Boston University
Brandeis University
Clark University
Harvard University
Lesley University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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University of Michigan

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College of Wooster
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Ohio State University

Oregon

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Pennsylvania

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Carnegie Mellon University
Franklin & Marshall College
Lincoln University
University of Pennsylvania

Rhode Island

Brown University

South Carolina

College of Charleston
South Carolina State University
Voorhees University

Tennessee

Fisk University
Tennessee State University
Vanderbilt University

Texas

Prairie View A&M University
Rice University
Southern Methodist University
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University of North Texas
University of Texas at Austin
Wiley College

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Blue Ridge Community College
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John Tyler Community College
Longwood University
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Mountain Empire Community College

New River Community College
Norfolk State University
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Old Dominion University
Patrick Henry Community College
Paul D. Camp Community College

Piedmont Virginia Community College
Radford University
Rappahannock Community College
Richard Bland College (not part of the VCCS)

Southside Virginia Community College
Southwest Virginia Community College
Thomas Nelson Community College
Tidewater Community College
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University of Richmond
University of Virginia
University of Virginia's College at Wise

Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Highlands Community College
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia State University
Virginia Tech
Virginia Western Community College
William & Mary
Wytheville Community College
Washington and Lee University

Washington, D.C.

American University
Georgetown University
Howard University

Wisconsin

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Federal Institution

Library of Congress

Public Libraries

Alaska Library Network
Boston Public Library
Charlotte Mecklenburg Library
Chicago Public Library
Cleveland Public Library
Dallas Public Library
Detroit Public Library
Forsyth County Library
Free Library of Philadelphia
Houston Public Library
Los Angeles Public Library
Lucius Beebe Memorial Library
Martinsburg-Berkeley Public Library

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Miami-Dade Public Library
New York Public Library
New Orleans Public Library
Saint Paul Public Library
Shreve Memorial Library

Public Museum

Getty Research Institute
National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

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American Ancestors/NEHGS
Institute for Advanced Learning and Research
Roanoke Higher Education Center
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center

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Conestoga High School
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“I think *The HistoryMakers Digital Archive* was added value and a great resource that contributed a wealth of primary sources that students not only identified with but helped them to make real word connections with their own experiences.**”**

Garnetta Penn
Educator
Benjamin E. Mayes High School



“*The HistoryMakers* plays a role in helping the Black community understand itself as well as in helping other communities understand the Black community.**”**

Zhu Sun
Chief of Staff

Educational Initiatives

2023 Faculty Innovations in Pedagogy and Teaching Fellows

The *HistoryMakers* awarded nine fellowships to faculty at its subscribing institutions. The fellowship is designed to foster classroom innovation and teaching, and to diversify curricula while furthering student learning and research skills during the upcoming year.



George Daniels

Associate Professor
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COURSE: Race, Gender & Media



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COURSE: Media Literacy in a Diverse World



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COURSE: Sociology of Black Families

Educational Initiatives

2023 Faculty Innovations in Pedagogy and Teaching Fellows



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COURSE: Women's Voices Through Time



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COURSE: The Black Arts Movement



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History & Interdisciplinary Studies Department

COURSE: Professional Development



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Assistant Professor
Carnegie Mellon University
Department of History

COURSE: Introduction to African American History



Shively Smith

Assistant Professor of New Testament
Boston University
School of Theology

COURSE: Howard Thurman: Biblical Interpreter for the Public Square

Educational Initiatives

2023 Student Ambassadors

The HistoryMakers selected eleven student ambassadors for the 2022-2023 academic year. These ambassadors were responsible for promoting *The HistoryMakers Digital Archive* on their respective college campuses. They also hosted a February digital archive contest and managed a bi-weekly blog.



Faith Kelly Carr
History (2023)
Grambling State University



Milena Clark
History (2024)
Spelman College



Zoé Coker
African American Studies (2024)
Howard University



Olivia Cooper
Communications (2023)
Tuskegee University



Delicia Drain
Psychology (2024)
Prairie View A&M University



Felicia Hart
Business Administration (2023)
Dillard University



Lillian Jackson
History (2025)
Hampton University



Tierney Macon
Communications (2025)
Tuskegee University



Akilah Northern
Business Administration (2024)
Dillard University



Isabel Torkoroo
Africana Studies (2023)
Wellesley College



Simone Quary
Masters Student, CSD
Hampton University

Educational Initiatives

2023 Student Ambassadors @ Saturday Discussions

Donors and board members were invited to our Saturday morning sessions with our student ambassadors. We would like to thank the following donors and board members for participating. We also want to provide a special thanks to *Ronald* and *Regina McNeil* for helping to lead some of our Saturday morning sessions.



Ronald & Regina McNeil

Gail Arnold
Toni Bush
Deborah Brittain
Ronald Daly
Chris Emde
Arnold Gordon-Bray

Douglas Holloway
Charisse R. Lillie
Adena Loston
Teri McClure
Regina McNeil

Ronald McNeil
Kimberley Simmons
Dmitri Stockton
Craig Welburn
Diane Welburn

Cornbread and Black Life

"I come to church and then come home and roast on, what we call fuful, you know. Fuful is this dough made of pounded, boiled cassava and plantain. So fuful and Abenewaw, which is peanut butter soup, you know, with chicken in it; so Sundays we tended to eat fuful. Oh, I'm sorry, I meant Abenewaw—Abenewaw, which is peanut butter soup. Abenewaw is palm nut soup [2]."

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The HistoryMakers Student Ambassador bi-weekly
Blog post: Cornbread and Black Life

What are Personal Collections (Papers)?

Do I have a personal collection?

In short, you do!

The terms “personal collections” and “papers” can refer to a wide array of materials in various formats:

- Letters/email
- Memoirs/reminiscences
- Diaries/blogs
- Scrapbooks/photo albums
- Professional papers
- Genealogical information
- Speeches/lectures
- Articles/essays
- Subject files
- Legal documents
- Minutes/reports
- Brochures and fliers
- Photographs
- Films/videos/audio tapes
- Websites

Letters, emails, diaries, photos, and other material accumulated over the years give vital and unique information regarding your life or the history of your family. When you donate your personal or family records to a manuscript repository, your family history becomes a part of your community’s collective memory. Although interesting as artifacts, the real worth of your papers lies in their evidentiary value. They are the primary sources upon which the writing of history is based.

They permit scholars to reconstruct and understand the past, and set the record straight about events and personalities.

In future years, researchers—including students, professors, genealogists, journalists, and many others—may find your records both interesting and of value to their work.

Who would want my personal collection?

There are numerous institutions that want to collect and preserve your personal materials for research purposes.

How should I prepare?

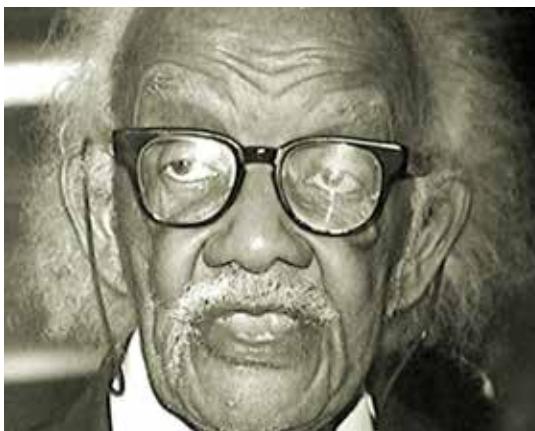
Make an appointment! Repositories are happy to meet with you to discuss your papers, and any provisions you would like made for them. It is also important that you determine whether or not you will be donating your papers outright, restricting access to the materials, or receiving payment for your collection.

To ensure the preservation of your materials for transfer to a repository, you should keep them in a cool, dry, temperature-stable environment, and any digital materials should be backed up.

While your papers need not be organized, “old,” or related to a famous individual, you should identify any photographs, films, or tapes, and any digital files should have names that indicate content or subject matter.

Be sure to contact a repository before you weed, discard, or reorganize papers and records, regardless of their location or format. The research value of records may be diminished if items are removed, or if the records are rearranged. Generally, repositories are more interested in a coherent body of material rather than individual items, and they prefer to receive the original items rather than copies. Once you donate your records, the staff will continue to work with you as you locate or identify other materials to donate, and will work to process your papers by unpacking, sorting, arranging, and describing the materials. Most repositories have a collecting policy that informs their decisions about what to accept.

What are Personal Collections (Papers)?



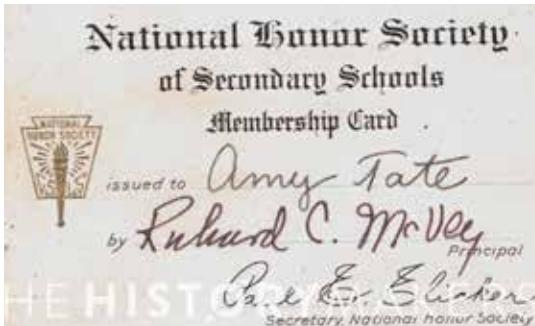
Alan Crite at the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Archives Black History Month Celebration



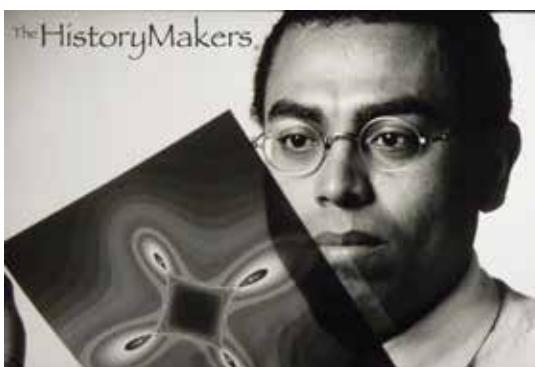
Alford Dempsey as a Child



Alfred Cain With The Cain Choristers



Amy Tate Billingsley Ephemera



Arlie Petters Working On Gravitational Lensing



Amy Tate Billingsley With Her Family



Eartha Kitt with daughter, Kitt



Bishop John Hurst Adams as Baby



Callie Crossley as Toddler



Avon Kirkland in New York



Billie Allen in Play "Black Monday"

*Interview footage donated by NFL Films

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Society Favors Documentary Evidence

Society places significantly higher value on those who have documentary evidence of their contributions. But significant aspects of 20th Century African American history are missing from today's historical record. Unfortunately, this is because many of the decision-makers at libraries, archives and museums around the country know so little of the Black experience. Also, many of the digitized projects of African American materials are scattered or narrowly focused.



John Rockefeller Sr. Family



Rockefeller Foundation



Eli Whitney Family



Whitney Museum of American Art



Ensel Ford Family



Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice

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Less Than 1% of Our HistoryMakers have repositories for their personal collections.

2,300 of them are aged 70 and above. Most do not have biographies or documentaries preserving their legacies. Though *The HistoryMakers* has helped place collections and/or encouraged our HistoryMakers to preserve their personal collections, progress has been slow. Some of those who have done so are found below.



Jessica B. Harris



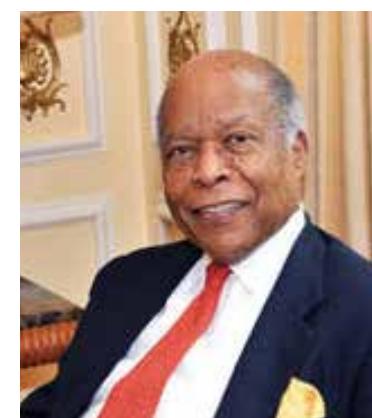
Elmer Holmes Bobst Library, New York University



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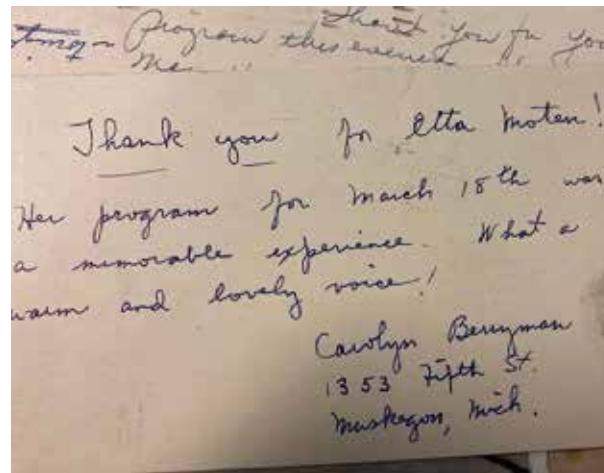
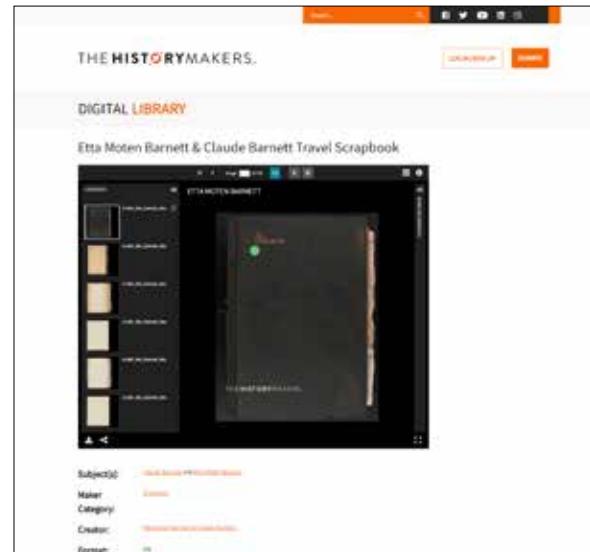
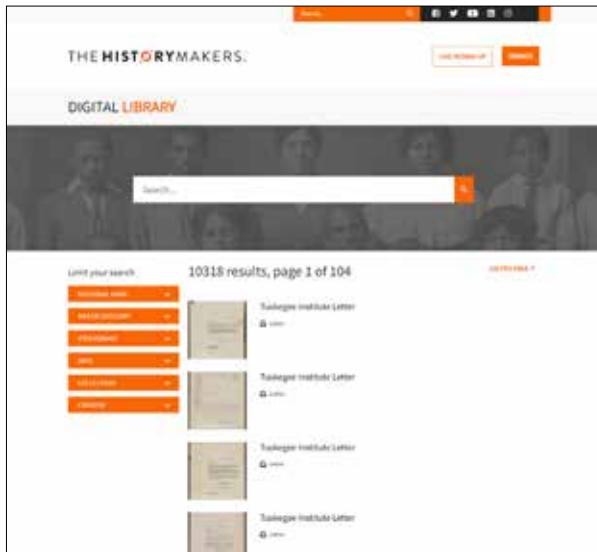
National Library of Medicine

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Our Solution: Rescue. Preserve. Educate.

Preserving 20th Century African American Collections With 21st Century Solutions

- Digitizing First and Processing Second
- Using Artificial Intelligence as well as Machine and Assisted Learning



Letter to Etta Moten Barnett from Carolyn Berryman.



Etta Moten Barnett

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To Create Incomparable, Complete History

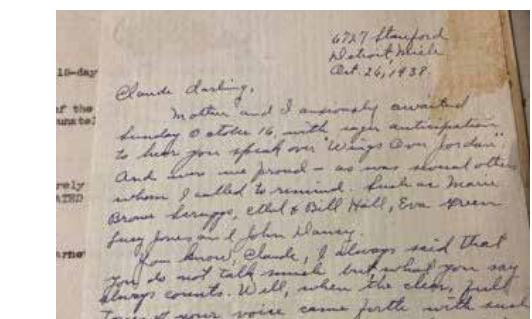
The HistoryMakers can pair its video oral history interviews and biographical database with the digitized materials to provide a greater understanding of the Black experience.



Video Oral History Interview



Biographical Database



Digitized Materials

Going forward, we will continue to partner with colleges, universities, public libraries, historical societies, museums and other cultural institutions to:

- Create Replicable Models
- Save collections that would otherwise be lost



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The HistoryMakers Digital Library (www.thehistorymakers.org)



Eartha Kitt

*Performer &
Entertainer*



Susan Taylor

*Editor, Essence
magazine*



Audrey Smaltz

*Fashion
Commentator*



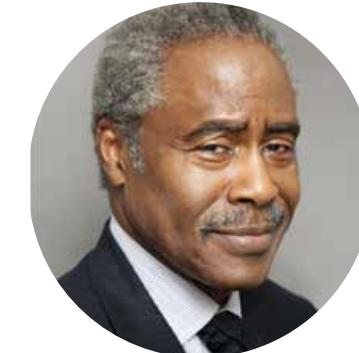
Isobel Neal

Gallery Owner



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The HistoryMakers Digital Library (www.thehistorymakers.org)



Ed Lewis

*Founder, Essence
magazine*



Marie Brown

Literary Agent



**Etta Moten
Barnett**

Operatic Soprano



George Johnson

*Founder, Johnson
Products*



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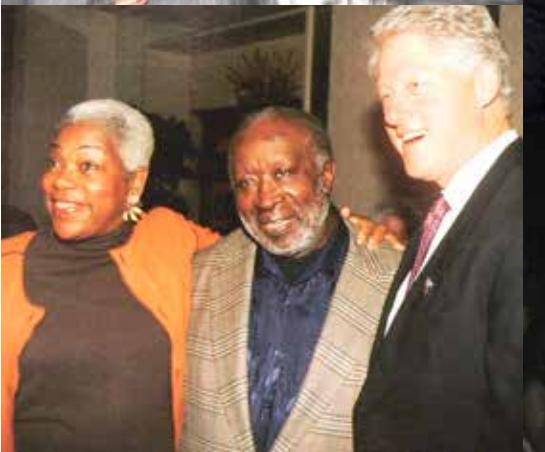
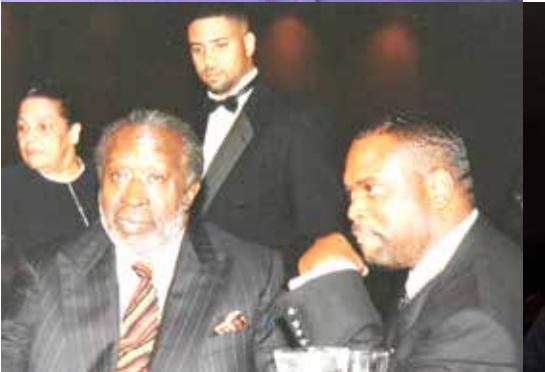
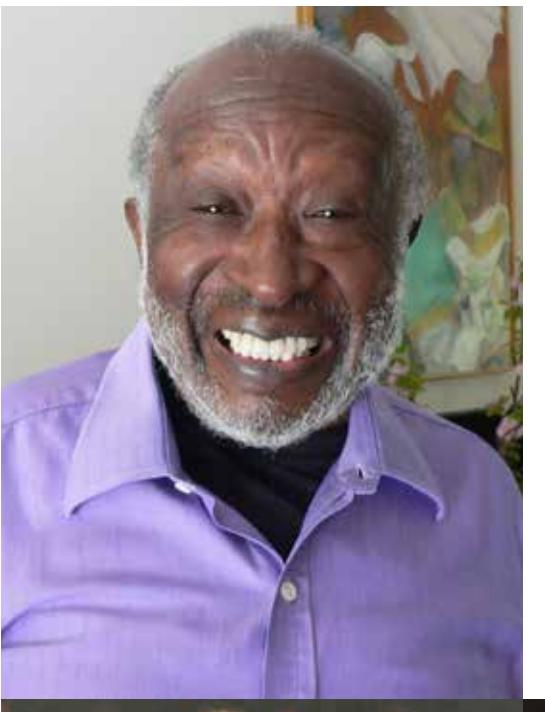
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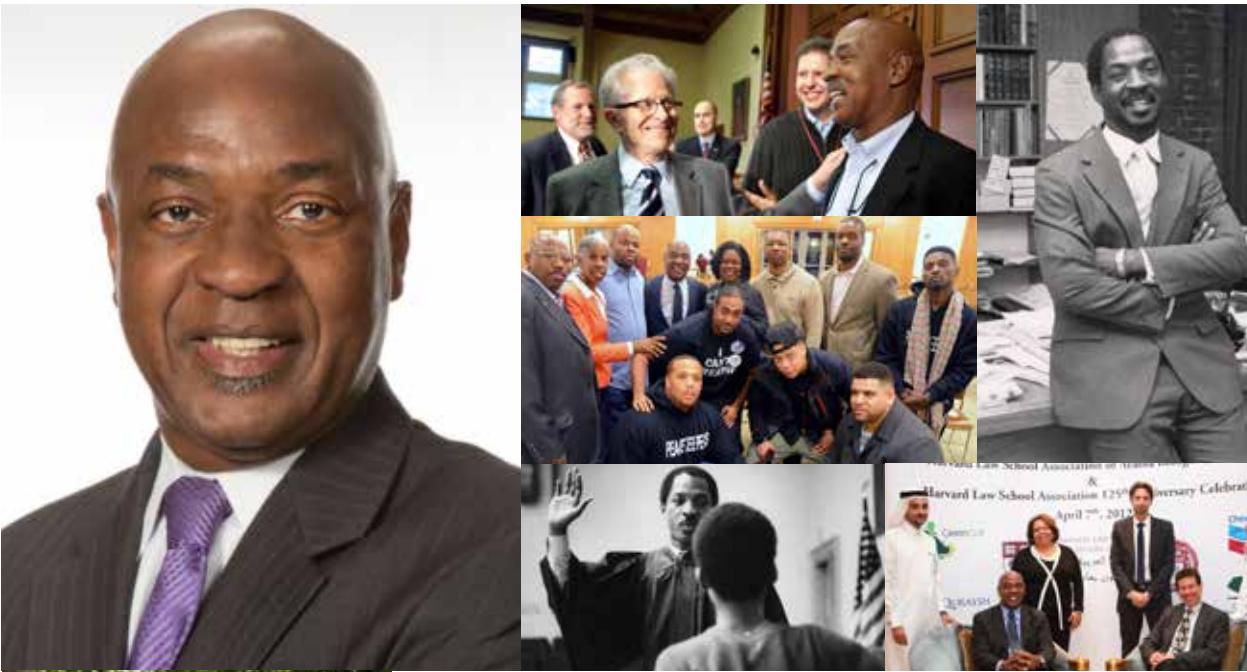
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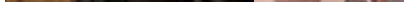
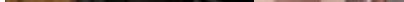
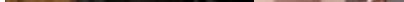
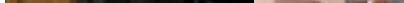
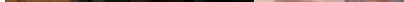
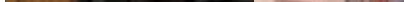
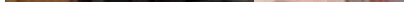
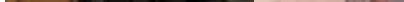
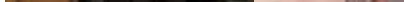
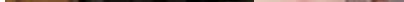
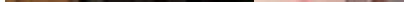
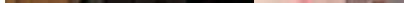
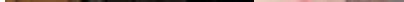
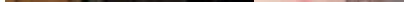
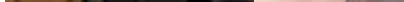
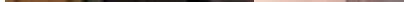
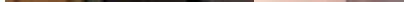
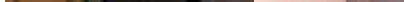
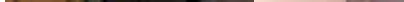
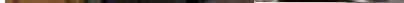
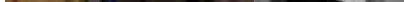
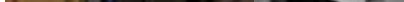
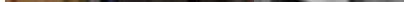
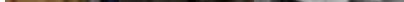
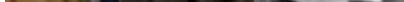
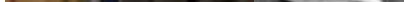
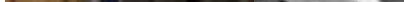
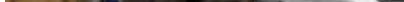
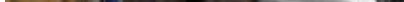
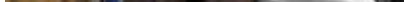
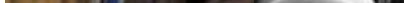
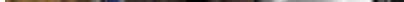
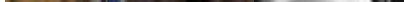
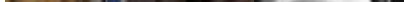
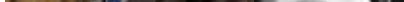
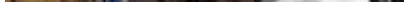
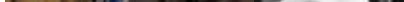
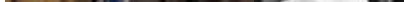
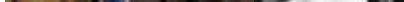
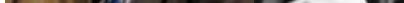
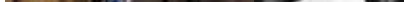
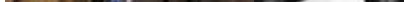
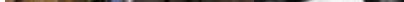
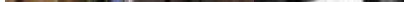
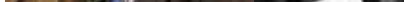
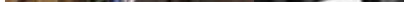
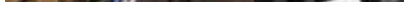
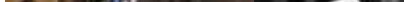
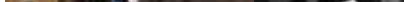
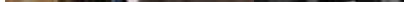
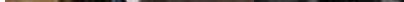
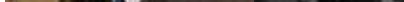
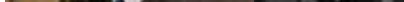
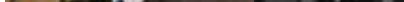
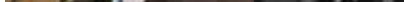
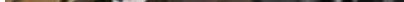
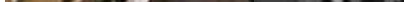
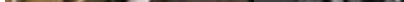
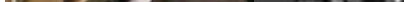
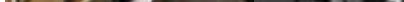
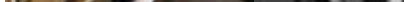
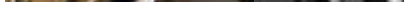
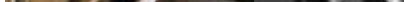
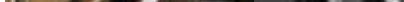
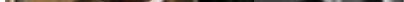
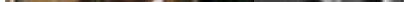
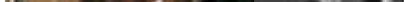
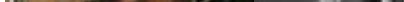
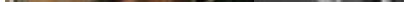
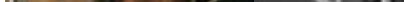
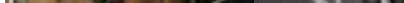
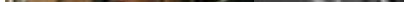
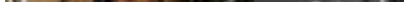
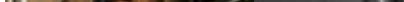
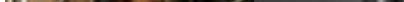
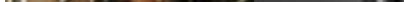
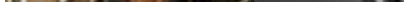
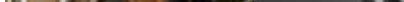
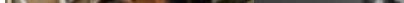
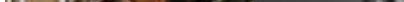
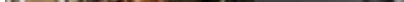
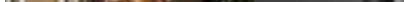
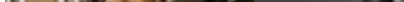
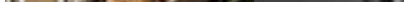
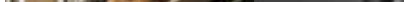
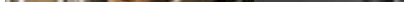
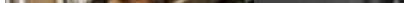
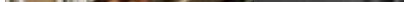
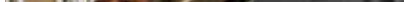
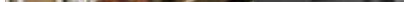
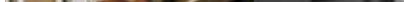
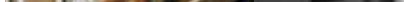
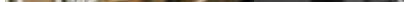
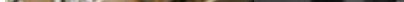
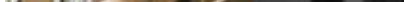
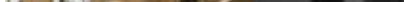
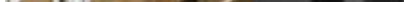
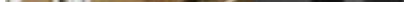
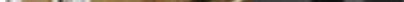
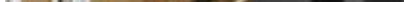
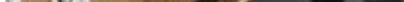
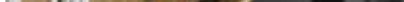
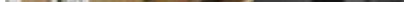
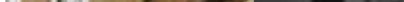
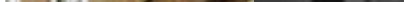
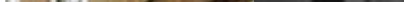
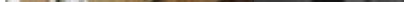
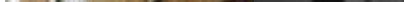
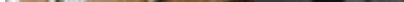
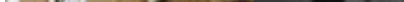
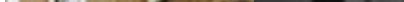
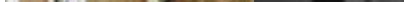
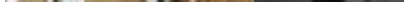
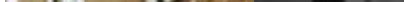
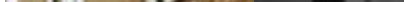
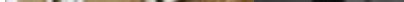
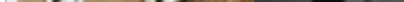
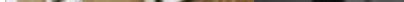
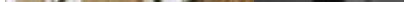
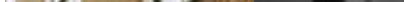
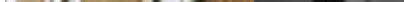
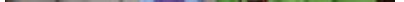


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“Simple, Charles Ogletree was lifted up by others, and he wants to lift up those under him to make sure they enter the same way that he did and they leave the door open.

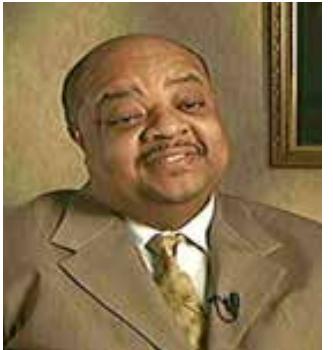
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Charles Ogletree



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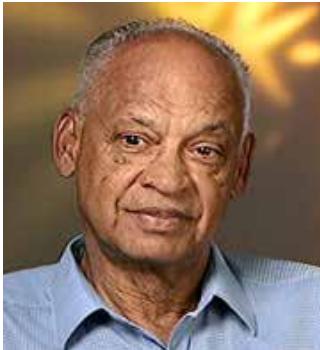
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Bishop



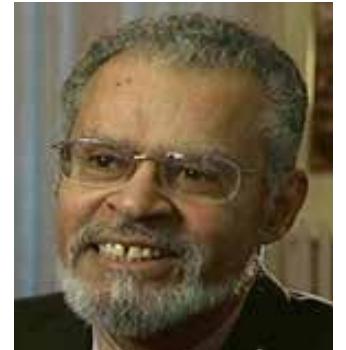
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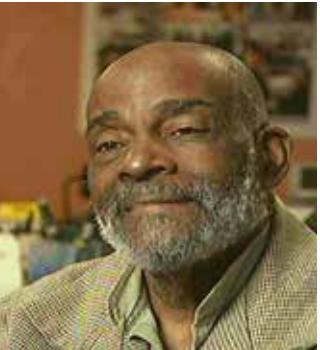
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02/25/1925-03/20/2023
Personal Care Entrepreneur

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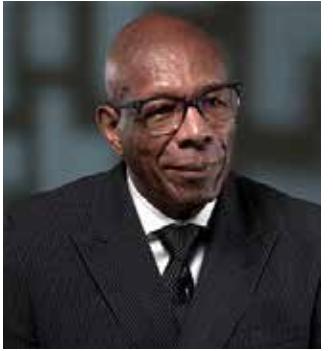
Willard R. Johnson
11/22/1935-11/02/2023
African American Studies & Political Science Professor



The Honorable Melvin King
10/20/1928-03/28/2023
Community Activist / State Representative



Reverend Dr. Lena McLin
09/05/1928-10/03/2023
High School Music Teacher



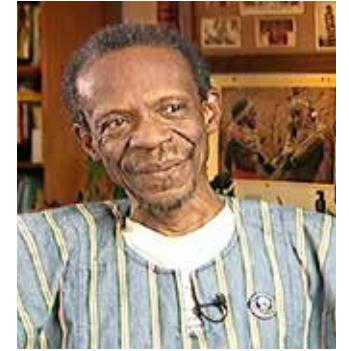
Jon Haggins
09/05/1943-06/15/2023
Fashion Designer



Ira Hall
08/23/1944-01/11/2023
Chief Executive Officer



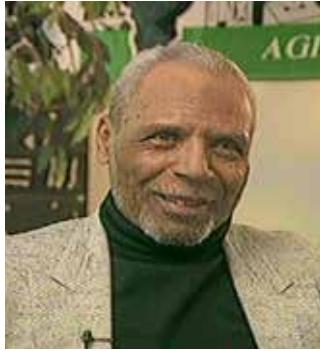
Ruth Edmonds Hill
03/05/1925-04/15/2023
Librarian



Curtis "Kojo" Morrow
03/27/1933-05/20/2023
Jewelry Artist



Alice Palmer
06/20/1939-05/25/2023
State Senator



Useni Eugene Perkins
09/13/1932-05/07/2023
Poet / Writer



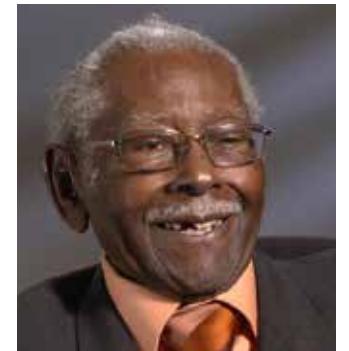
Isaac "Redd" Holt
05/16/1932- 03/23/2023
Jazz Musician



Alexine Jackson
06/10/1936- 08/02/2023
Nonprofit Executive



Bunnie Jackson-Ransom
11/16/1940- 02/02/2023
Marketing Entrepreneur / Music Manager



Grover Pettes
12/10/1925-02/11/2023
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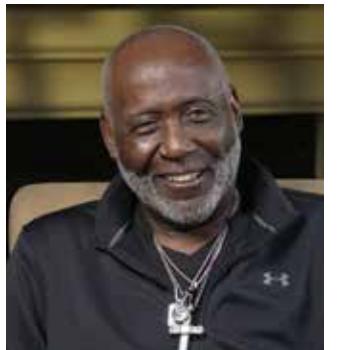
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Television Personality



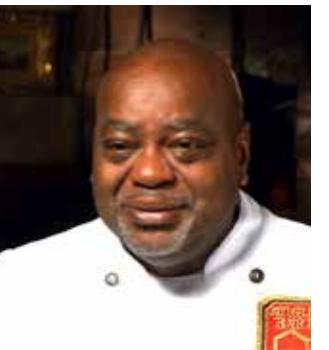
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Community Activist / Police Officer

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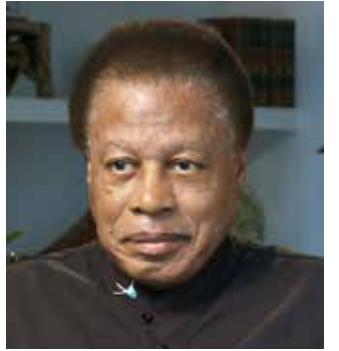
Richard Roundtree
07/09/1942-10/24/2023
Film Actor



Walter Royal
05/18/1956-05/22/2023
Chef



Katherine Schaffner
01/16/1944-09/19/2023
Singer



Wayne Shorter
08/25/1933-03/02/2023
Saxophonist / Music Composer



Romance Watson
01/04/1930-12/06/2022
Singer

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