Overview of the Collection

Repository: The HistoryMakers® 1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com

Creator: Morris, Frank L.

Title: The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Frank Morris,

Dates: October 27, 2004

Bulk Dates: 2004

Physical Description: 7 Betacame SP videocassettes (3:21:40).

Abstract: Academic administrator and political science professor Frank Morris (1931 - ) served as the executive director of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, and became the associate dean of the Graduate School of Public Affairs at the University of Maryland. In 1988, he was hired by Morgan State University, where he retired as the dean of graduate studies in 1996. Morris was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on October 27, 2004, in Dallas, Texas. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.

Identification: A2004_217

Language: The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Educator Frank Morris, Sr., was born in Cairo, Illinois on July 21, 1931. At age six, he moved to Boston, where his grandparents and his aunt and uncle raised him. An honor student in high school, Morris was awarded a scholarship to attend Colgate University. From there, he attended Syracuse University, earning his M.P.A. degree. Morris later went on to earn a Ph.D. in political science from MIT and he later completed the requirements for his master’s in international affairs
After graduating from Syracuse University in 1962, Morris joined the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, working out of the Seattle office. He joined the U.S. State Department in 1966, and by 1969, he was the deputy regional coordinator for the Latin America Office of Program and Policy Coordination. In 1972, Morris moved to Chicago, where he became an associate professor of political science at Northwestern University. After working with the National Education Institute and the Community Services Administration, Morris joined the U.S. Foreign Aid Program to Jamaica, where he retired as deputy director in 1983. Returning from Jamaica, Morris became the executive director of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. In 1986, Morris was named the associate dean of the Graduate School of Public Affairs at the University of Maryland, College Park. In 1988, he left for Morgan State University, where he retired as the dean of graduate studies and research in 1996. After moving to Texas in 1997 to be closer to his grandchildren, Morris became a visiting professor in government and politics at the University of Texas, where he remained until he retired in 1999.

Throughout his distinguished career, Morris was highly influential in all the positions he held. While working with the State Department in Jamaica, he oversaw the growth of U.S. federal aid to the country to become one of the three highest per capita U.S. AID programs in the world. While serving as dean at Morgan State, he formed a partnership with the Hokkaido Foundation of Japan and instituted a program to teach Japanese. He has also served as a consultant to organizations in the U.S. on issues relating to Africa and Europe.

Morris has received numerous awards over the years, including having been named “Father of the Year,” by the Chicago Defender and recipient of the Superior Honor Award by the Department of State. He and his wife have four children.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Frank Morris was conducted by Larry Crowe on October 27, 2004, in Dallas, Texas, and was recorded on 7 Betacame SP videocassettes. Academic administrator and political science professor Frank Morris (1931 - ) served as the executive director of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, and became the associate dean of the Graduate School of Public Affairs at the University of Maryland. In 1988, he was hired by Morgan
State University, where he retired as the dean of graduate studies in 1996.

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**Controlled Access Terms**

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

**Persons:**

Morris, Frank L.

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)
Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Morris, Frank L.--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Academic Administrator

Political Science Professor

HistoryMakers® Category:

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Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Preferred Citation

Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 2/5/2020 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

Other Finding Aid

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

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Frank Morris, Section A2004_217_001_001, TRT: 0:30:20 2004/10/27

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