

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Christopher R. Cloud

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Cloud, Christopher R., 1969-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Christopher R. Cloud,
Dates:	February 14, 2005
Bulk Dates:	2005
Physical Description:	6 Betacame SP videocassettes (2:45:13).
Abstract:	Cultural heritage chief executive Christopher R. Cloud (1969 -) was the president and chief executive officer of AMISTAD America. He conceived and designed Freedom Schooner Amistad, a human rights education project which re-creates the Spanish ship made famous by an 1839 slave revolt. Cloud was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on February 14, 2005, in New Haven, Connecticut. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2005_048
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Christopher R. Cloud, president and chief executive officer of AMISTAD America, was born on April 15, 1969, in Washington, D.C., to Diane and Sanford Cloud. After moving to Hartford, Connecticut, Cloud attended Rembrook School, Noah Webster School, and Kingswood Oxford Junior High School. Graduating from Northwest Catholic High School in Hartford, and then Howard University in Washington, D.C., Cloud earned his B.A. degree in Political Science in 1991.

From 1991 to 1992, Cloud worked as an associate for the Council on Foundations. Later, while serving as a legislative aid for Connecticut State Senator Eric D. Coleman, he researched and wrote the legislation that created the first African American Males Taskforce and the Connecticut African American Affairs Commission. In 1997, Cloud was appointed project manager for AMISTAD America in New Haven; there he conceived and designed Freedom Schooner Amistad, a human rights education project which re-creates the Spanish ship made famous by an 1839 slave revolt. Promoted to executive director in 1999, Cloud serves as president and chief executive officer.

Cloud is a fellow of the Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy at Duke University; the Emerging Leaders Programme in Cape Town, South Africa; the Coro Midwestern Center in St. Louis, Missouri; the Amistad Sierra Leone Friendship Delegation; and the Amistad America/University of Havana Delegation. In 2004, Cloud received a Tourism Ambassador of the Year Award from the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism. A board member of the Connecticut Institute for the Blind; the Bushnell Theatre; American Sail Training Association; and the Greater Hartford Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Cloud also received the National Maritime Historical Society, American Ship Trust Award in 2002.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Christopher R. Cloud was conducted by Larry Crowe on February 14, 2005, in New Haven, Connecticut, and was recorded on 6 Betacame SP videocassettes. Cultural heritage chief executive Christopher R. Cloud (1969 -) was the president and chief executive officer of AMISTAD America. He conceived and designed Freedom Schooner Amistad, a human rights education project which re-creates the Spanish ship made famous by an 1839 slave revolt.

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Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

Controlled Access Terms

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

Persons:

Cloud, Christopher R., 1969-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Cloud, Christopher R., 1969---Interviews

African American executives--Interviews

African American civic leaders--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Amistad America, Inc.

Occupations:

Cultural Heritage Chief Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

EducationMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Preferred Citation

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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 Christopher R. Cloud, Section
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African American executives--Interviews.

African American civic leaders--Interviews.

Video Oral History Interview with Christopher R. Cloud, Section
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