

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with The Honorable Dr. David Satcher

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## Overview of the Collection

<b>Repository:</b>	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
<b>Creator:</b>	Satcher, David, 1941-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Dr. David Satcher,
<b>Dates:</b>	March 16, 2006
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2006
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 Betacame SP videocassettes (0:28:54).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Medical administrator The Honorable Dr. David Satcher (1941 - ) served as U.S. Surgeon General and attempted to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in the nation's health care system. Satcher became the director of the National Center of Primary Care at Morehouse School of Medicine in 2002, and has received numerous distinguished honors and degrees. Satcher was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 16, 2006, in Atlanta, Georgia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2006_036
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Federal government employee, city government employee, and medical school president Dr. David Satcher was born to Wilmer and Anna Satcher on March 2, 1941, in Anniston, Alabama. He graduated from Morehouse College in 1963 and earned his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees in cytogenetics from Case Western Reserve University in 1970. He completed his residency and fellowship training at Strong Memorial Hospital, the University of Rochester, UCLA, and King-Drew Medical Center.

Satcher served as director of the King-Drew Sickle Cell Research Center at the University of California, Los Angeles from 1973 to 1979. He developed and chaired the King-Drew Department of Family Medicine, and served as interim dean of the Charles R. Drew Postgraduate Medical School from 1977 to 1979. Satcher also served as professor and chairman of the Department of Community Medicine and Family Practice at Morehouse School of Medicine from 1979 to 1982, and then as president of Meharry Medical College from 1982 to 1993. President Bill Clinton appointed Satcher to the positions of Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry from 1993 to 1998, and was nominated and confirmed to serve as the sixteenth Surgeon General of the United States from 1998 to 2002. He concurrently served as assistant secretary of health and human services from 1998 to January 2001. Satcher held the rank of full Admiral in the U.S. Public Health Corps and, upon his departure from the Office of Surgeon General, he became a fellow at the Kaiser Family Foundation. In the fall of 2002, Satcher began his service as director of the National Center for Primary Care at Morehouse School of Medicine, and in December 2004, he was named interim president at Morehouse School of Medicine.

As U.S. Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, Satcher released reports on many

topics, including: tobacco and health; mental health, race and ethnicity, suicide prevention, oral health, sexual health and responsible sexual behavior, youth violence prevention and obesity. He made it a priority to attempt to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in the nation's health care system.

Satcher is the recipient of eighteen honorary degrees and numerous distinguished honors. Satcher and his wife live in the greater Atlanta area. They are the parents of four adult children.

Dr. David Satcher was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 16, 2006.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with The Honorable Dr. David Satcher was conducted by Ed Anderson on March 16, 2006, in Atlanta, Georgia, and was recorded on 1 Betacame SP videocassettes. Medical administrator The Honorable Dr. David Satcher (1941 - ) served as U.S. Surgeon General and attempted to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in the nation's health care system. Satcher became the director of the National Center of Primary Care at Morehouse School of Medicine in 2002, and has received numerous distinguished honors and degrees.

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## Related Material

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

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## Controlled Access Terms

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

### Persons:

Satcher, David, 1941-

Anderson, Ed (Interviewer)

Ball, Corey (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews  
Satcher, David, 1941---Interviews

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African American politicians--Georgia--Interviews

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African American politicians

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## **Organizations:**

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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## **Occupations:**

Medical Administrator

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## **HistoryMakers® Category:**

MedicalMakers

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Custodial History**

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Processing Information**

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

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## **Other Finding Aid**

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

interview.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Dr. David Satcher, Section  
A2006\_036\_001\_001, TRT: 0:28:54 ?

Dr. David Satcher talks about his family background and discusses growing up under Jim Crow segregation laws. Satcher remembers several racist experiences as a child, like being kicked out of a segregated store, and he and his brother being kicked out of a church whose pastor said all people were welcome on the radio. Satchers recalls thinking that things could never change in the South, until he heard Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. speak, and how much his brother looked up to Dr. King. Satcher also discusses participating in sit-ins while at Morehouse College.

African American families.

Civil rights movements--Georgia--Atlanta.

Morehouse College (Atlanta, Ga.).

African Americans--Segregation--Southern States--History.

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Dr. David Satcher, Section  
A2006\_036\_DR\_DAVID\_SATCHER\_06\_MED\_001, TRT: 0:30:00 ?

This tape contains footage of Dr. David Satcher at a Surgeon General's Colloquium at Morehouse College.

Surgeon General's Colloquium--footage