

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with William Bradford

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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>	Bradford, William D.
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with William Bradford,
<b>Dates:</b>	June 5, 2008 and October 25, 2007
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2007 and 2008
<b>Physical Description:</b>	12 Betacame SP videocassettes (5:37:52).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Economist and economics professor William Bradford (1944 - ) served as dean and professor at the University of Washington's School of Business Administration, where he later became dean emeritus. Bradford was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on June 5, 2008 and October 25, 2007, in Seattle, Washington. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2007_302
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Economist William Donald Bradford was born on June 19, 1944, in Gadsden, Alabama. Bradford was born to Ollie Mae Dobbs and George Joel Bradford, the fourth of six children. When Bradford was one year old, his family moved to Cleveland, Ohio. Bradford's father was a Baptist minister and the owner of a barbershop. Bradford attended Cleveland's Wooldridge Elementary School, Rawlings Junior High School and East Technical High School where he was enrolled in advanced placement courses.

Prior to attending Howard University in 1963, Bradford earned a living as a barber, saving money for college by cutting hair in his father's barbershop. At Howard University, Bradford was a member of the football team playing linebacker and joined the Omega Psi Phi fraternity. He graduated with his B.A. degree in economics in 1967. In 1968, Bradford attended Ohio State University and was one of only two African Americans in the school's M.B.A program. After graduating with his M.B.A degree in finance in 1968, Bradford remained at Ohio State University and earned his Ph.D. in finance in 1971.

From 1972 to 1980, Bradford served as the associate professor of finance at Stanford University's School of Business. Bradford was also a visiting economist for the Federal Home Loan Bank board and a visiting professor of finance and economics at Yale University's School of Organization and Management. From 1989 to 1990, Bradford was a visiting professor of finance for New York University, the University of California, Los Angeles and Ohio State University. In 1992, Bradford served as Acting Dean of the University of Maryland's College of Business and Management. From 1994 to 1999, Bradford then served as dean and professor at the University of Washington's School of Business Administration, where he was awarded the dean emeritus honor.

Bradford, the author of numerous scholarly articles, is a professor of business and economic development and a professor of finance and business economics at Washington University's School of Business Administration. His studies include a minority business survey for the State of Washington, a study of minority venture capital firms

and a study of black family financial management.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with William Bradford was conducted by Larry Crowe on June 5, 2008 and October 25, 2007, in Seattle, Washington, and was recorded on 12 Betacame SP videocassettes. Economist and economics professor William Bradford (1944 - ) served as dean and professor at the University of Washington's School of Business Administration, where he later became dean emeritus.

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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:

Bradford, William D.

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Bradford, William D.--Interviews

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African American educators--Washington (State)--Interviews

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African American economists--Interviews

## Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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## Occupations:

Economist

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Economics Professor

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers

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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 William Bradford, Section A2007\_302\_002\_001, TRT: 0:30:30  
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Video Oral History Interview with William Bradford, Section A2007\_302\_002\_004, TRT: 0:31:07  
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Video Oral History Interview with William Bradford, Section A2007\_302\_002\_005, TRT: 0:25:20  
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Video Oral History Interview with William Bradford, Section B2007\_302\_001\_001, TRT: 0:28:40  
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