

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Janice Hutchinson

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers® 1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Hutchinson, Janice
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Janice Hutchinson,
Dates:	July 26, 2008
Bulk Dates:	2008
Physical Description:	5 Betacame SP videocassettes (2:18:40).
Abstract:	Medical professor, pediatrician, and psychiatrist Dr. Janice Hutchinson (1947 -) is an associate professor of psychiatry and pediatrics, and the residency training director in psychiatry at Howard University College of Medicine. In 2007, Hutchinson co-authored the book, "Losing Control: Loving a Black Child with Bipolar Disorder." Hutchinson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on July 26, 2008, in Bethesda, Maryland. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2008_095
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Pediatrician and child psychiatrist Dr. Janice Gertrude Hutchinson was born on September 22, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois to Dorothy and James Hutchinson. She and her twin brother Jamal J. Hutchinson began their education at the Catholic school, Holy Name of Mary. They then attended Morgan Park High School, graduating in 1965. Hutchinson enrolled at Stanford University, where she took pre-medical courses but majored in sociology. After receiving her B.A. degree in 1969, she attended the University of Cincinnati Medical School, earning her M.D. degree in 1973. During her final year of medical school, she worked at the John F. Kennedy Hospital in Monrovia, Liberia. She completed her residency in pediatrics at Montefiore and Rush University Medical Centers before returning to school to earn her M.P.H. degree from the University of Illinois.

In the early 1980s, Hutchinson joined the Rush University Medical School as adjunct faculty. Disinterested in private practice, she joined the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps before taking a leave of absence to work in a refugee camp outside of Bangkok, Thailand. When she returned to the United States, she completed a child and adolescent fellowship at the Institute for Juvenile Research (IJR) at the University of Illinois. At the same time, she served as a public health doctor at the American Medical Association (AMA) where she worked on issues of teen pregnancy and child abuse. When the HIV antibody was identified in 1982, she was concerned about the devastating effect of the disease on children and helped to organize the AMA's first major HIV conference in the mid-1980s.

After Hutchinson completed her residency in adult psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati and at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington, D.C., she was selected as the medical director and administrator for Children's Mental Health Services in Washington D.C.'s Department of Mental Health. Hutchinson currently works at Howard University where she is an associate professor of psychiatry and pediatrics and the residency training director in psychiatry for the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Board certified in pediatrics, adult and child

psychiatry, Hutchinson has taught and written about child abuse, domestic violence, teen pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, children's impulsivity and aggression, incarcerated juveniles and mental illness, the use of antidepressants with children and youth suicide. In 2005, she received the American Psychiatric Association's Irma Bland Excellence in Teaching Award. Hutchinson co-authored *Losing Control: Loving a Black Child with Bipolar Disorder* with Cassandra Joubert and Linda Thompson Adams in 2007. Hutchinson is a member at large of the Washington Psychiatric Society.

Dr. Janice Hutchinson was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on July 26, 2008.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Dr. Janice Hutchinson was conducted by Larry Crowe on July 26, 2008, in Bethesda, Maryland, and was recorded on 5 Betacame SP videocassettes. Medical professor, pediatrician, and psychiatrist Dr. Janice Hutchinson (1947 -) is an associate professor of psychiatry and pediatrics, and the residency training director in psychiatry at Howard University College of Medicine. In 2007, Hutchinson co-authored the book, "Losing Control: Loving a Black Child with Bipolar Disorder."

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access

Restrictions may be applied on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of The HistoryMakers®.

Restrictions on Use

All use of materials and use credits must be pre-approved by The HistoryMakers®. Appropriate credit must be given. Copyright is held by The HistoryMakers®.

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.

Controlled Access Terms

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

Persons:

Hutchinson, Janice

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Hutchinson, Janice--Interviews

African American women physicians--Interviews

Women psychiatrists--Interviews

African American psychiatrists--Interviews

Women pediatricians--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Howard University. College of Medicine

Occupations:

Pediatrician

Psychiatrist

HistoryMakers® Category:

MedicalMakers

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

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Janice Hutchinson, July 26, 2008. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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).

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 Dr. Janice Hutchinson, Section A2008_095_001_001, TRT: 0:30:00 ?

Dr. Janice Hutchinson was born on September 22, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois. Her mother, Dorothy Gertrude Howell, was born December 20, 1911 in Paducah, Kentucky to a family of black landowners. After Howell's father went bankrupt, she drove her entire family to Chicago, Illinois in 1925, where she met Hutchinson's father, James Joseph Hutchinson. James Hutchinson was born June 1893 in Alabama. His father, a farmer, fled to Noonan, Georgia after killing a white man. After migrating to Chicago, Illinois, James Hutchinson became a sleeping car porter for the Pullman Company, joining A. Philip Randolph's Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Because of his job, he was infrequently at home and usually sleeping. Hutchinson describes her father as difficult, negative, and misogynistic, while she describes her mother as a gracious, hardworking, and protective woman. Hutchinson and her twin brother, Jamal J. Hutchinson, were raised in the Morgan Park neighborhood of Chicago's far south side.

African American women physicians--Interviews.

Women psychiatrists--Interviews.

African American psychiatrists--Interviews.

Women pediatricians--Interviews.

Medical colleges--Faculty--Interviews.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Janice Hutchinson, Section A2008_095_001_002, TRT: 0:30:40 ?

Dr. Janice Hutchinson talks about her education. She and her twin brother, Jamal J. Hutchinson, grew up in the Morgan Park community of Chicago, Illinois, attending the Holy Name of Mary School from 1953 to 1961 and Morgan Park High School from 1961 to 1965. As a child, she loved to read, and was inspired to become a pediatrician by a family friend who was a physician, frequent visits to her allergist for asthma, and the writings of Albert Schweitzer. She and her brother experienced discrimination from some white students and faculty, but overcame it through high academic achievement and the support of good teachers. After graduating from Morgan Park High School, Hutchinson enrolled at Stanford University in Stanford, California, where she was mentored by university vice-president Lyle Nelson. Between 1965 and 1969, Hutchinson heard campus speakers like Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Black Panther Party leaders Eldridge Cleaver, Kathleen Cleaver, and Bobby Seale.

African Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.
Oblate Sisters of Providence.
Catholic schools--Illinois--Chicago.
African Americans--Education (Secondary)--Illinois--Chicago.
African Americans--Education (Higher)--California--Palo Alto.
Nelson, Lyle M.
Stanford University.
King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929-1968.
Cleaver, Eldridge, 1935-1998.
Seale, Bobby, 1936-
Cleaver, Kathleen.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Janice Hutchinson, Section A2008_095_001_003, TRT:
0:28:00 ?

Dr. Janice Hutchinson received her B.S. degree in sociology and biology from Stanford University in Stanford, California in 1969, she enrolled in the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio. In her second year, her mother was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, so Hutchinson spent her mother's final three months commuting between Cincinnati and Chicago, Illinois, to take her exams and care for her mother. She recalls the sexism she encountered from men in her medical school cohort. During her senior year, Hutchinson took a medical service trip to Liberia. After receiving her M.D. degree in 1973, she became a resident at Montefiore Medical Center in New York, New York. After Montefiore, Hutchinson taught at Rush Medical College in Chicago, Illinois, worked for the American Medical Association, served in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and worked at a refugee camp in Bangkok, Thailand. She reflects on how pediatrics has changed over the course of her career.

Terminally ill parents.

Parents--Death.

African American medical students.

African American women medical students.

African American physicians.

African American pediatricians.

African American psychiatrists.

Medical assistance--Developing countries.

Medical assistance--Thailand.

Medical assistance--Liberia.

Stanford University.

Medicine--Study and teaching--United States.

University of Cincinnati. College of Medicine.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Janice Hutchinson, Section A2008_095_001_004, TRT:
0:29:20 ?

Dr. Janice Hutchinson talks about her medical career in the 1980s and 1990s. In the early 1980s, she returned to Chicago, Illinois to work as a public health doctor with the American Medical Association, researching, writing, and raising awareness about the new HIV/AIDS epidemic and other issues affecting children. In 1986, she trained at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C. to

become board-certified in child psychiatry, and she was eventually appointed medical director and Administrator for Children's Mental Health Services in the District of Columbia under HistoryMaker and Mayor Sharon Pratt. There, she helped establish mental health programs in schools and in the juvenile criminal justice system, but these programs were defunded when HistoryMaker Marion Barry returned to office in 1995. Hutchinson talks about how to approach mental disorders, particularly in children, and about the book she coauthored, 'Losing Control: Loving a Black Child with Bipolar Disorder.'

American Medical Association.

Public health--Washington, D.C.

Child mental health.

Child psychiatry.

Mental illness.

African American child psychiatrists.

Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Manic depressive illness in children.

Manic depressive illness in adolescence.

African Americans--Mental health.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Janice Hutchinson, Section A2008_095_001_005, TRT: 0:20:40 ?

Dr. Janice Hutchinson reflects upon her career. Since the mid-1990s, she has taught at Howard University in Washington, D.C. and written extensively on public and mental health issues affecting minority populations. She talks about disturbing increases in suicide and drug use among black adolescents, as well as an increase in felony incarcerations among women. She expresses hope for the 2008 presidential election of HistoryMaker Barack Obama, but she believes the African American community can only advance if it becomes more solution-oriented and addresses its own issues of sexism and violence. As a highly spiritual person interested in the intersection of mental, physical, and spiritual health, she believes all people exist to serve a purpose. She expresses appreciation for The HistoryMakers' mission to preserve life stories.

African American college teachers--Washington (D.C.).

African Americans--Public health.

Youth--Drug use.

Howard University. College of Medicine.

Medicine--Religious aspects.