

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Gerald Adolph

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Adolph, Gerald
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Gerald Adolph,
Dates:	October 20, 2013
Bulk Dates:	2013
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:11:12).
Abstract:	Management consultant Gerald Adolph (1953 -) has worked at Booz & Company for over thirty years. He is the co-author of <i>Merge Ahead: Mastering the Five Enduring Trends of Artful M&A</i> . Adolph was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on October 20, 2013, in New Rochelle, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2013_258
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Management consultant Gerald S. Adolph was born on December 30, 1953 in New York City, New York. His father, Leroy Adolph, was a New York City department of sanitation worker; his mother, Beryl Adolph, a nurse. Raised in New York, Adolph attended Cardinal Spellman High School in the Bronx, where he graduated from in 1971. He then received his B.S. degrees in management science and chemical engineering in 1976 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Adolph went on to receive his M.S. degree in chemical engineering from MIT in 1980, and his M.B.A degree from the Harvard Business School in 1981.

Adolph was hired as a research engineer at the Polaroid Corporation in 1976, where he worked in the company's development labs and chemical manufacturing division. In 1981, Adolph was hired at Booz Allen Hamilton, now Booz & Company, as an associate of technology management services. After being promoted to a senior associate in 1983, and as principal of technology management services in 1985, he was made partner of the chemicals practice at Booz & Company in 1989. While employed as partner of the chemicals practice, Adolph also served as the practice leader of global chemicals. Then, in 1999, Adolph was promoted to a senior partner of consumer, health and M&A, as well as practice leader of global consumer and health at Booz & Company. In 2001, while still serving as senior partner, he led the global mergers and restructuring group. In 2010, Adolph was promoted to a managing senior partner for the New York region at Booz & Company.

Adolph has served on numerous corporate and educational boards throughout his career, including the Corporate Advisory Board at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business, Helen Keller International, and Co-Chair of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. Adolph also served on Booz & Company's board of directors, and as board chair of the Executive Leadership Council in 2004. He was elected to the board of Cintas in 2006 and the board of his alma mater Cardinal Spellman High School in 2010. In 2009, Adolph co-authored the book *Merge Ahead: Mastering the Five Enduring Trends of Artful M&A*. He was awarded the Pierre Toussaint Medallion from the Archdiocese of New York in 2009. Booz & Company has also honored Adolph with their Professional

Excellence Award.

Gerald S. Adolph was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on October 20, 2013.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Gerald Adolph was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on October 20, 2013, in New Rochelle, New York, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Management consultant Gerald Adolph (1953 -) has worked at Booz & Company for over thirty years. He is the co-author of *Merge Ahead: Mastering the Five Enduring Trends of Artful M&A*.

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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.

Controlled Access Terms

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

Persons:

Adolph, Gerald

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

Adolph, Gerald--Interviews

African Americans--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Management Consultant

HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers

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 Gerald Adolph, October 20, 2013. 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 Gerald Adolph, Section A2013_258_001_001, TRT: 1:29:47 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Gerald Adolph, Section A2013_258_001_002, TRT: 2:28:48 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Gerald Adolph, Section A2013_258_001_003, TRT: 3:30:29 ?

- Video Oral History Interview with Gerald Adolph, Section A2013_258_001_004, TRT: 4:30:31 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Gerald Adolph, Section A2013_258_001_005, TRT: 5:28:47 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Gerald Adolph, Section A2013_258_001_006, TRT: 6:32:33 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Gerald Adolph, Section A2013_258_001_007, TRT: 7:30:37 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Gerald Adolph, Section A2013_258_001_008, TRT: 8:26:40 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Gerald Adolph, Section A2013_258_001_009, TRT: 9:13:00 ?