

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Derek Dingle

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Dingle, Derek, T.
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Derek Dingle,
Dates:	December 14, 2016 and March 20, 2014
Bulk Dates:	2014 and 2016
Physical Description:	11 uncompressed MOV digital video files (5:23:48).
Abstract:	Magazine publishing chief executive and publishing executive Derek Dingle (1961 -) co-founded and then served as president and CEO of Milestone Media Inc., the nation's largest African American-owned comic book company, in 1992. In 2008, Dingle was appointed as the senior vice president and editor-in-chief of Black Enterprise magazine. Dingle was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on December 14, 2016 and March 20, 2014, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2014_091
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Publishing executive Derek T. Dingle was born on November 2, 1961 in New York City. He graduated from Norfolk State University with a B.A. in journalism and also completed the Magazine Management Program at New York University.

Dingle joined *Black Enterprise* magazine in 1983 as an assistant editor and was promoted six months later to associate editor. After he completed the New York University magazine management program in 1985, he was made a senior editor. In 1987, Dingle was promoted once again to managing editor, a position he held until 1990. He then joined the staff of *Money* magazine, where he wrote articles about mutual fund investment and served as senior writer and a member of the planning team for Money Special on Small Business. In 1991, Dingle co-founded Milestone Media Inc., the nation's largest black-owned comic book company, with childhood friends Denys Cowan, Dwayne McDuffie, Michael Davis and Christopher Priest. After resigning from *Money* magazine in 1992, he was named Milestone's president and CEO. One Milestone character, Static Shock, was developed into an animated series that ran from 2000 to 2005 on the WB Network and the Cartoon Network. In December of 1999, Dingle returned to *Black Enterprise* magazine as editor-at-large. Within a year, he was promoted to vice president and executive editor, serving until July of 2008. That year, Dingle was appointed as the senior vice president and editor-in-chief of *Black Enterprise* magazine, where he was responsible for the strategic planning and editorial direction of the magazine. In 2014, Dingle was named a Chief Content Officer of Black Enterprise. In this capacity, he oversaw content development and strategy for the "Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs Conference + Expo," as well as other custom events, including the Black Enterprise/Walmart 20/20 Vision Forum on Supplier Diversity, the Black Enterprise/Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Education Symposium Series, the American black Film Festival, and the Baltimore African American Film Festival. In addition, Dingle had executive oversight of both *Black Enterprise* television shows: "Black Enterprise Business Report" and "Our World with

Black Enterprise."

Dingle authored countless *Black Enterprise* magazine cover stories and editorials and appeared as a business expert on numerous television networks and radio programs, including CNN, CNBC, NBC's "Weekend Today," and National Public Radio. An award-winning editor, Dingle is the author of three books: *Black Enterprise Titans of the B.E. 100s: Black CEOs Who Redefined and Conquered American Business* (1999), *Black Enterprise Lessons from the Top: Success Strategies from America's Leading Black CEOs* (2007), and *First in the Field: Jackie Robinson, Baseball Hero* (1998), which received a 1999 International Reading Association Award. Dingle serves as a general member of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) and the American Society of Magazine Editors (ASME). He also serves as a member of the board of directors for Norfolk State University's School of Communications, and on the advisory board for the New York Urban League's Manhattan Chapter.

Dingle lives in Guttenberg, New Jersey.

Derek T. Dingle was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 20, 2014 and on December 14, 2016.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Derek Dingle was conducted by Harriette Cole and Julieanna L. Richardson on December 14, 2016 and March 20, 2014, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 11 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Magazine publishing chief executive and publishing executive Derek Dingle (1961 -) co-founded and then served as president and CEO of Milestone Media Inc., the nation's largest African American-owned comic book company, in 1992. In 2008, Dingle was appointed as the senior vice president and editor-in-chief of Black Enterprise magazine.

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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:

Dingle, Derek, T.

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Dingle, Derek, T. --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Publishing Executive

Magazine Publishing Chief Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

MediaMakers

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).

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

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