

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Bryan Monroe

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Monroe, Bryan, 1965-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Bryan Monroe,
Dates:	May 18, 2014
Bulk Dates:	2014
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:21:28).
Abstract:	Journalist Bryan Monroe (1965 -) was Washington Editor/Opinion for CNN, served as deputy managing editor of Knight Ridder's flagship paper, The San Jose Mercury News, and was vice president and editorial director of Ebony and Jet magazines. Monroe led the team of journalists who won the Pulitzer Prize Gold Medal for Public Service in 2006. He also served as the president of the National Association of Black Journalists from 2005 to 2007. Monroe was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on May 18, 2014, in Chevy Chase, Maryland. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2014_138
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Journalist Bryan Monroe was born on August 22, 1965 in Munich, Germany to MG (ret.) James W. Monroe and Charlyne Monroe. In 1987, Monroe earned his B.A. degree in communications from the University of Washington, where he was the first African American editor of the *University of Washington Daily*.

Monroe interned as a photojournalist at United Press International, *The Roanoke Times*, and *The Seattle Times* before becoming director of photography and graphics editor at *Myrtle Sun Beach News*. In 1989, Monroe directed Knight Ridder's 25/43 Project, which aimed to revamp newspapers in order to appeal to a younger audience. In 1991, he served as deputy managing editor of Knight Ridder's flagship paper, *The San Jose Mercury News*, until he became a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University in 2002. During his fellowship, Monroe examined leadership and creativity in the newsroom, and after the fellowship, he became assistant vice president of news at Knight Ridder. In 2006, Monroe led the team of journalists from Knight Ridder and the *Biloxi Sun Herald* who won the Pulitzer Prize Gold Medal for Public Service for coverage of Hurricane Katrina. Then, after Knight Ridder was sold to the McClatchy Company, Monroe went to work for the Johnson Publishing Company, where he served as vice president and editorial director of *Ebony* and *Jet* from 2006 to 2009, conducted the first interview with then President-elect Barack Obama following his November victory, and had the last interview with pop star Michael Jackson before he died. In 2011, Monroe became the editor of CNNPolitics.com and in 2014 was named the Washington Editor/Opinion for CNN.

Monroe served as the sixteenth president of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) from 2005 to 2007. He has won numerous regional, national, and international journalism awards and lectured globally from Cape Town, South Africa to Sydney, Australia to Dubai, UAE. He was recognized by *Presstime* magazine as one

of the “20 Under 40” — the 20 top American journalists under 40 years old; *MediaWeek* magazine as one of the nation’s “Media Elite”; and San Francisco’s *CityFlight* as one of the “10 Most Influential African Americans in the Bay Area.”

Monroe lives in Chevy Chase, Maryland with his two children, Seanna and Jackson.

Bryan Monroe was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on May 18, 2014.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Bryan Monroe was conducted by Larry Crowe on May 18, 2014, in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Journalist Bryan Monroe (1965 -) was Washington Editor/Opinion for CNN, served as deputy managing editor of Knight Ridder’s flagship paper, The San Jose Mercury News, and was vice president and editorial director of Ebony and Jet magazines. Monroe led the team of journalists who won the Pulitzer Prize Gold Medal for Public Service in 2006. He also served as the president of the National Association of Black Journalists from 2005 to 2007.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access

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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:

Monroe, Bryan, 1965-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Monroe, Bryan, 1965---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Journalist

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

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Bryan Monroe, May 18, 2014. 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

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- Video Oral History Interview with Bryan Monroe, Section A2014_138_001_003, TRT: 3:28:59 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Bryan Monroe, Section A2014_138_001_004, TRT: 4:29:21 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Bryan Monroe, Section A2014_138_001_005, TRT: 5:28:12 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Bryan Monroe, Section A2014_138_001_006, TRT: 6:28:54 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Bryan Monroe, Section A2014_138_001_007, TRT: 7:25:37 ?