

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Robin Stone

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Stone, Robin D.
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Robin Stone,
Dates:	August 11, 2016 and October 6, 2014
Bulk Dates:	2014 and 2016
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:20:12).
Abstract:	Journalist Robin Stone (1964 -) served as an editor for The Boston Globe, The New York Times, Health magazine and Essence magazine. She was founding editor-in-chief of Essence.com and the author of <i>No Secrets, No Lies: How Black Families Can Heal from Sexual Abuse</i> . Stone was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 11, 2016 and October 6, 2014, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2014_220
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Journalist Robin D. Stone was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1964. Her mother, Ora L. Hughes, worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Detroit. Her father, Lawrence R. Stone, was a building contractor. Stone graduated from Michigan State University with her B.A. degree in journalism in 1986. She is completing her M.A. degree in health arts and sciences at Goddard College in Vermont. Stone first worked as a copy editor for *The Oakland Press* and the *Detroit Free Press*. She then served as layout-makeup/slot editor at *The Boston Globe* for one year, and then as a copy editor for *The New York Times* from 1990 to 1993. After briefly serving as special projects editor for *Family Circle Magazine*, Stone was named deputy living editor at *The New York Times* in 1994. As deputy living editor, she was integral in developing the prototype for the paper's current Dining In/Dining Out section. In 1997, Stone joined *Essence* magazine, where she was first hired as a senior editor and eventually promoted to executive editor. Under her stewardship, the magazine earned awards from Folio, the National Association of Black Journalists, the New York Association of Black Journalists, and the Congressional Black Caucus, among other organizations. Stone became founding editor-in-chief of Essence.com in 2000, and, from 2005 to 2007, she served as deputy editor at *Health* magazine. After leaving *Health* in 2007, Stone worked as a freelance writer and editor, focusing primarily on issues related to health, parenting, and families. Her thesis work explores Black women, body image, weight, and self-care in the face of racism, sexism and other stressors.

Stone is the author of *No Secrets, No Lies: How Black Families Can Heal from Sexual Abuse*, which was published in 2004. She also edited and contributed the afterword to *My Times in Black and White: Race and Power at the New York Times*, the memoir by her late husband, Gerald M. Boyd, who was former managing editor of *The New York Times*. Stone's writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Essence* magazine, *Glamour* magazine, *The Boston Globe*, and other publications.

From 2002 to 2003, Stone was a Kaiser Media Fellow, where she researched and reported on sexual abuse in Black

families and other health issues. She has taught magazine editing and production at New York University, and advanced reporting at the City College of New York. She is a board member of Greenhope Services for Women, a residential drug treatment center for formerly incarcerated women, and a New York Alumnae member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Stone served as vice-president/print for the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), and as president of NABJ's New York chapter. Her career and contributions to journalism garnered her an Outstanding Alumni Award from her alma mater, Michigan State University, in 2004.

Stone and her fiancé, Rodney Pope, live in New York, New York. She has a teenage son, Zachary Boyd.

Robin Stone was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on October 6, 2014.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Robin Stone was conducted by Harriette Cole on August 11, 2016 and October 6, 2014, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Journalist Robin Stone (1964 -) served as an editor for The Boston Globe, The New York Times, Health magazine and Essence magazine. She was founding editor-in-chief of Essence.com and the author of No Secrets, No Lies: How Black Families Can Heal from Sexual Abuse.

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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:

Stone, Robin D.

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Feldman, Isaac (Videographer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Stone, Robin D.--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 Robin Stone, August 11, 2016 and October 6, 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 Robin Stone, Section A2014_220_001_003, TRT: 3:27:08 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Robin Stone, Section A2014_220_001_004, TRT: 4:26:27 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Robin Stone, Section A2014_220_001_005, TRT: 5:29:12 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Robin Stone, Section A2014_220_002_006, TRT: 6:29:28 ?
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