

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Hollis Lynch

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## Overview of the Collection

<b>Repository:</b>	The HistoryMakers® 1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
<b>Creator:</b>	Lynch, Hollis Ralph, 1935-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Hollis Lynch,
<b>Dates:</b>	February 1, 2017 and February 15, 2017
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2017
<b>Physical Description:</b>	12 uncompressed MOV digital video files (5:14:04).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Historian Hollis Lynch (1935 - ) was professor of African and Pan African studies at Columbia University since 1969. Lynch was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on February 1, 2017 and February 15, 2017, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2017_051
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Historian Hollis Lynch was born on April 21, 1935, in John Dial, Trinidad and Tobago to Rupert Herman Lynch and Violet Evangeline Gardiner. There, he attended the Hope EC School and Bishop's High School. Lynch then received his B.A. degree in history from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada in 1960, and his Ph.D. degree in history from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London in London, England in 1964.

After receiving his Ph.D. degree, Lynch lectured at the University of Ibadan in Nigeria for two years before moving to the United States. He moved to Chicago, Illinois and accepted a position as an associate professor at Roosevelt University in 1966. In 1968, Lynch began teaching at the State University of New York at Buffalo, where he founded the first black studies program in 1969. In the fall of 1969, Lynch began his position as professor of African and Pan African History at Columbia University in New York, where he was the first black historian to hold a tenured position. In 1971, Lynch became the director of the Institute of African Studies at Columbia University, a position he held until 1974. Lynch then served as visiting professor of history at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York in 1977. In 1986, he was reappointed at the director of the African Institute at Columbia. Later, Lynch served as professor emeritus of history at Columbia University in 2005.

Lynch published his first book, *Edward Wilmont Blyden, Pan-Negro Patriot*, while teaching at Roosevelt University. Lynch published a number of books on the pan-negro movement in the United States. As an undergraduate, Lynch won the Annie Southcott Memorial Prize for best undergraduate honors essay in history. In 2012, he was inducted into the Tobago Literary Hall of Fame for his work as a professor and his literary achievements. Lynch was also a member of the American Council of Learned Studies and the Association of African Studies.

Lynch has two children, Shola Ayn Lynch, and Nnenna Jean Lynch.

Hollis Lynch was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on February 1, 2017.

# Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Hollis Lynch was conducted by Harriette Cole on February 1, 2017 and February 15, 2017, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 12 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Historian Hollis Lynch (1935 - ) was professor of African and Pan African studies at Columbia University since 1969.

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# 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.

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# Controlled Access Terms

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

## Persons:

Lynch, Hollis Ralph, 1935-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Lynch, Hollis Ralph, 1935- --Interviews

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# Organizations:

## HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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## The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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### Occupations:

Historian

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### HistoryMakers® Category:

EducationMakers

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## 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 Hollis Lynch, February 1, 2017 and February 15, 2017. 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).

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## 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.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Hollis Lynch, Section A2017\_051\_001\_001, TRT: 1:30:17 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Hollis Lynch, Section A2017\_051\_001\_002, TRT: 2:28:28 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Hollis Lynch, Section A2017\_051\_001\_003, TRT: 3:28:51 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Hollis Lynch, Section A2017\_051\_001\_004, TRT: 4:28:35 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Hollis Lynch, Section A2017\_051\_001\_005, TRT: 5:26:17 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Hollis Lynch, Section A2017\_051\_001\_006, TRT: 6:30:49 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Hollis Lynch, Section A2017\_051\_001\_007, TRT: 7:39:15 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Hollis Lynch, Section A2017\_051\_002\_008, TRT: 8:24:42 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Hollis Lynch, Section A2017\_051\_002\_009, TRT: 9:27:20 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Hollis Lynch, Section A2017\_051\_002\_010, TRT: 10:11:31 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Hollis Lynch, Section A2017\_051\_002\_011, TRT: 11:31:54 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Hollis Lynch, Section A2017\_051\_002\_012, TRT: 12:06:05 ?