

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Nola Lancaster Whiteman

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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>	Whiteman, Nola Lancaster, 1938-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Nola Lancaster Whiteman,
<b>Dates:</b>	August 20, 2017
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2017
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:01:17).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Education administrator Nola Lancaster Whiteman (1938 - ) served as executive assistant to the chancellor of New York Public Schools and assistant to the dean of The City College, City University of New York. Whiteman was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 20, 2017, in Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2017_144
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Education administrator Nola Lancaster Whiteman was born on October 25, 1938 in Harlem, New York to Ruby Lolita Davis Lancaster and Ernest Alfred Lancaster. She graduated from Franklin K. Lane High School in Brooklyn, New York in 1955 at sixteen years old, and received her B.A. degree in early childhood education from Queens College, City University of New York in Flushing, New York in 1959, and her M.Ed. degree from The City College, City University of New York in New York.

In college, Whiteman worked at Martin's Department Store as one of few African American employees. After graduation, Whiteman worked at P.S. 90 Edna Cohen School in Brooklyn, New York. She then became a professor's assistant while obtaining her M.Ed. degree and went back to teaching at P.S. 115 Alexander Humboldt in Upper Manhattan, New York. Whiteman was then promoted as curriculum assistant at New York City District 12 in the Bronx, New York, and during the decentralization of New York Public Schools, Whiteman became executive assistant to the superintendent. During this period, she also helped develop teacher centers with the United Federation of Teachers to conduct seminars for public school teachers. When Dr. Arnold Webb was named dean of the School of Education at The City College, City University of New York, Whiteman was hired as assistant to the dean and became director of the office of academic advisement, student teaching and teacher placement in 1979. In 1983, Whiteman returned to the New York Public Schools as executive assistant to the chancellor, Anthony Alvarado. She later took a leave of absence and secured a position at Bank Street College in New York, New York where she ran a principal retraining program. Whiteman returned to New York Public School and joined the Professional Development Center in 1991, and remained in the position of executive assistant to the chancellor until 1994.

Whiteman served on the board of directors for the Children's Art Carnival. Young Audiences Arts for Learning, New York, and Young Audiences National, and was a member of the board of trustees of the Sigma Pi Phi, Boule Foundation. Whiteman also was a member of The Links, Inc. and served as the national president of the Girl

Friends, Inc. from 2002 to 2004.

Nola Lancaster Whiteman was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on August 20, 2017.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Nola Lancaster Whiteman was conducted by Harriette Cole on August 20, 2017, in Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 6 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Education administrator Nola Lancaster Whiteman (1938 - ) served as executive assistant to the chancellor of New York Public Schools and assistant to the dean of The City College, City University of New York.

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### 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:

Whiteman, Nola Lancaster, 1938-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Whiteman, Nola Lancaster, 1938- --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:

Education Administrator

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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 Nola Lancaster Whiteman, August 20, 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 Nola Lancaster Whiteman, Section A2017\_144\_001\_001, TRT: 1:29:01 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Nola Lancaster Whiteman, Section A2017\_144\_001\_002, TRT: 2:27:44 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Nola Lancaster Whiteman, Section A2017\_144\_001\_003, TRT: 3:32:34 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Nola Lancaster Whiteman, Section A2017\_144\_001\_004, TRT: 4:28:22 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Nola Lancaster Whiteman, Section A2017\_144\_001\_005, TRT: 5:29:59 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Nola Lancaster Whiteman, Section A2017\_144\_001\_006, TRT: 6:33:37 ?