

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Michael Sorrell

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Sorrell, Michael J., 1966-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Michael Sorrell,
Dates:	September 16, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:43:17).
Abstract:	Academic administrator Michael Sorrell (1966 –) was the 34th president of Paul Quinn College and served as special assistant in the executive office of President Bill Clinton. Sorrell was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on September 16, 2017, in Dallas, Texas. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_168
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Academic administrator Michael Sorrell was born on November 11, 1966 in Chicago, Illinois to Wade J. Sorrell and Vera Williams. He graduated from St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago, Illinois and enrolled at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, where he earned his B.A. degree in government in 1987. Sorrell was the recipient of the Sloan Foundation Graduate Fellowship to attend Harvard University. He later received his M.S. degree in public policy from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. Sorrell continued his education at Duke University, where he was one of the founding members of the Journal of Gender Law & Policy, and served as the vice president of the Duke Bar Association, and earned his J.D. degree. In 2015, Sorrell earned his Ed.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

After completing law school, Sorrell worked for several law firms in Dallas, Texas. He then served as a special assistant in the executive office of President Bill Clinton. After serving in the Clinton administration, Sorrell founded a public affairs consultancy. In 2001, Sorrell was elected to the Board of Trustees for Paul Quinn College in Dallas. He became the 34th president of the institution in 2007.

Sorrell has been the recipient of many awards and acknowledgments. In 2016, he was named the “HBCU Male President of the Year” by *HBCU Digest* and was awarded the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Justice Award by the Dallas Bar Association. Sorrell was also named as one of “America’s 10 Most Innovative College Presidents” by *Washington Monthly* and was the recipient of the Father of the Year Award from the City of Dallas.

Sorrell has been active in many organizations including the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University, the College Board, the Center for Minority Serving Institutions at the University of Pennsylvania, Amegy Bank, Teach for America, the Dallas Regional Chamber, Earth Day Texas, the Southern Methodist University Tate Distinguished Lecture Series, and Paul Quinn College.

Sorrell and his wife, Natalie, have two children, Michael Augustus and Sage Louise-Sinclair.

Michael Sorrell was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on September 16, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Michael Sorrell was conducted by Larry Crowe on September 16, 2017, in Dallas, Texas, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Academic administrator Michael Sorrell (1966 –) was the 34th president of Paul Quinn College and served as special assistant in the executive office of President Bill Clinton

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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:

Sorrell, Michael J., 1966-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Sorrell, Michael J., 1966- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

University President

HistoryMakers® Category:

EducationMakers

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 Michael Sorrell, September 16, 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).

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

Video Oral History Interview with Michael Sorrell, Section A2017_168_001_001, TRT: 1:28:38 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Michael Sorrell, Section A2017_168_001_002, TRT: 2:32:16 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Michael Sorrell, Section A2017_168_001_003, TRT: 3:30:26 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Michael Sorrell, Section A2017_168_001_004, TRT: 4:30:54 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Michael Sorrell, Section A2017_168_001_005, TRT: 5:28:46 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Michael Sorrell, Section A2017_168_001_006, TRT: 6:28:13 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Michael Sorrell, Section A2017_168_001_007, TRT: 7:29:46 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Michael Sorrell, Section A2017_168_001_008, TRT: 8:14:18 ?