

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Quintard Taylor

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Taylor, Quintard
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Quintard Taylor,
Dates:	October 9, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:30:56).
Abstract:	Historian Quintard Taylor (1948 -) was the Scott and Dorothy Bullitt Professor of American History at the University of Washington and founded BlackPast.org. an online reference tool. Taylor was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on October 9, 2017, in Seattle, Washington. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_179
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Historian Quintard Taylor was born on December 11, 1948 in Brownsville, Tennessee to Quintard Taylor and Grace Taylor. He graduated from Carver High School in Brownsville, Tennessee and received his B.A. degree in American history in 1969 from St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, North Carolina, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in American history from the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis in 1971 and 1977, respectively.

In 1971, Taylor served as assistant professor of black studies at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington. After he received his Ph.D. degree, Taylor was named professor of history at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California, where he taught courses on African American history, African history, U.S. history, and served in department leadership roles for thirteen years from 1977 to 1990. In 1987, Taylor was the visiting Fulbright-Hays Professor of History at University of Lagos in Lagos, Nigeria. In 1990, Taylor authored his first book, *The Making of the Modern World: A Reader in 20th Century Global History*. He later joined the faculty at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon. During his tenure, Taylor also served as adjunct professor of Folklore and Ethnic Studies, and was acting director of the Ethnic Studies Program. He published his second book, *The Forging of A Black Community: Seattle's Central District from 1870 through the Civil Rights Era*, in 1994. He also held visiting professor positions at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington and at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. Taylor was chair of the department of history at the University of Oregon from 1997 to 1999. In 1998, he published *In Search of the Racial Frontier: African Americans in the America West, 1528-1990*. In 1998, he was selected as the Philip H. Knight Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Oregon; and was later appointed as the Scott and Dorothy Bullitt Professor of American History at the University of Washington in 1999. For nineteen years, he served in this role, teaching African American history, history of the black west, and U.S. history, until his retirement in June 2018.

In 2007, Taylor founded BlackPast.org, an online reference database on African American history, with over thirty

million users since its launch. In 2008, Taylor published a collection of primary documents titled *From Timbuktu to Katrina: Readings in African American History*. In 2009, he published, *America-I-Am, Black Facts: The Story of a People Through Timelines, 1601-2000*. Along with Dr. Samuel Kelly, Taylor co-authored *Dr. Sam: The Autobiography of Dr. Samuel Kelly, Soldier, Educator, Advocate and Friend* in 2010. Taylor also served on the Board of HistoryLink Interactive History Project.

Taylor has three children, Quintard III, and twins, William and Jamila.

Historian Quintard Taylor was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on October 9, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Quintard Taylor was conducted by Larry Crowe on October 9, 2017, in Seattle, Washington, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Historian Quintard Taylor (1948 -) was the Scott and Dorothy Bullitt Professor of American History at the University of Washington and founded BlackPast.org. an online reference tool.

Restrictions

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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:

Taylor, Quintard

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Taylor, Quintard--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Archives Director

HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

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 Quintard Taylor, October 9, 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 Quintard Taylor, Section A2017_179_001_001, TRT: 1:29:28 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Quintard Taylor, Section A2017_179_001_002, TRT: 2:28:10 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Quintard Taylor, Section A2017_179_001_003, TRT: 3:29:58 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Quintard Taylor, Section A2017_179_001_004, TRT: 4:29:53 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Quintard Taylor, Section A2017_179_001_005, TRT: 5:28:29 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Quintard Taylor, Section A2017_179_001_006, TRT: 6:28:14 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Quintard Taylor, Section A2017_179_001_007, TRT: 7:34:11 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Quintard Taylor, Section A2017_179_001_008, TRT: 8:02:33 ?