

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Ron Bryant

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Bryant, Ron, 1952-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Ron Bryant,
Dates:	November 16, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:12:21).
Abstract:	Producer Ronald N. Bryant (1952 -), the minority media coordinator and deputy communications director for the Ohio Democratic Party, served as the director of news and community affairs for Bounce TV in Columbus, Ohio. Bryant was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on November 16, 2017, in Columbus, Ohio. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_200
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Producer Ron Bryant was born on January 6, 1952 in Youngstown, Ohio to Doris Morris and T.Y. Bryant, Jr. He graduated from South High School in Youngstown, Ohio in 1970, and earned an athletic scholarship to attend Kent State University at Salem in Salem, Ohio. In 1971, he transferred to Youngstown State University, where he majored in mass communication and received his B.A. degree in 1974.

After graduation, Bryant moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to host “The Al Knight Show” on WAMO-AM. He then worked for the television production center before moving to Boulder, Colorado, where he worked for the public radio station KGNU. In 1984, Bryant returned to Youngstown, where he worked as a disc jockey and film editor for the NBC affiliate WFMY-TV. Bryant was featured in over 1,200 commercials as a voice-over artist. He also worked as a music reviewer and entertainment editor for the *Call and Post* and the *Columbus Post*. He also worked part-time at the jazz radio station WBBY and as the program director of WZZT. Bryant also served as the marketing and communications director for The Near East Area Commission, and assisted in the development of the Community 21 Cable Access initiative. In 2002, Bryant developed and produced the *American Diversity Magazine* television show, which aired on the Ohio News Network. In 2003, he became the news and community affairs director at WVKO in Cleveland. In 2006, Bryant accepted a position as the minority media coordinator and deputy communications director with the Ohio Democratic Party. In 2011, he became the director of news and community affairs for the Bounce TV affiliate in Columbus. In 2014, Bryant served as the executive director of the Intern Student Network Broadcast Project, an initiative aimed at training youth in Franklin County in the fundamentals of broadcast production.

Over the course of his career, Bryant produced a variety of health-based programming that targeted underserved populations in central Ohio, including his 2010 program *For Goodness Sake*. Bryant also won the Telly Award for excellence in broadcast journalism for a program he produced called *Trailblazers: African-Americans Making a Difference*.

Ron Bryant was interviewed by *TheHistoryMakers* on November 13, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Ron Bryant was conducted by Larry Crowe on November 16, 2017, in Columbus, Ohio, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Producer Ronald N. Bryant (1952 -), the minority media coordinator and deputy communications director for the Ohio Democratic Party, served as the director of news and community affairs for Bounce TV in Columbus, Ohio.

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.

Controlled Access Terms

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

Persons:

Bryant, Ron, 1952-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Bryant, Ron, 1952- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Broadcast 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 Ron Bryant, November 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 Ron Bryant, Section A2017_200_001_001, TRT: 1:30:03 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Ron Bryant, Section A2017_200_001_002, TRT: 2:30:10 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Ron Bryant, Section A2017_200_001_003, TRT: 3:28:51 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Ron Bryant, Section A2017_200_001_004, TRT: 4:29:33 ?

- Video Oral History Interview with Ron Bryant, Section A2017_200_001_005, TRT: 5:29:25 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Ron Bryant, Section A2017_200_001_006, TRT: 6:29:42 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Ron Bryant, Section A2017_200_001_007, TRT: 7:29:08 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Ron Bryant, Section A2017_200_001_008, TRT: 8:24:29 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Ron Bryant, Section A2017_200_001_009, TRT: 9:21:00 ?