

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Kathleen Christy

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Christy, Kathleen, 1952-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Kathleen Christy,
Dates:	January 17, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	6 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:33:22).
Abstract:	Education administrator Kathleen Christy (1952-) was assistant superintendent for equity and advocacy in the Salt Lake City School District from 1998 to 2017 after serving as principal at Bonneville Elementary School in Salt Lake City, Utah, from 1993 to 1998. Christy was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on January 17, 2018, in Salt Lake City, Utah. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_011
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Education administrator Kathleen Christy was born on September 15, 1952 in Compton, California, and graduated from Compton High School. In 1970, Christy moved to Salt Lake City and enrolled at the University of Utah, where she received her B.S. degree in education in 1975. Two years later in 1977, she obtained her M.A. degree in education. She later went on to receive her Ph.D degree in education, culture and society from the University of Utah's College of Education.

She began her career in education as a teacher at Edison Elementary School in the Salt Lake City Public School District in 1975. She returned to California, where she joined the Los Angeles Unified School District, where she taught largely Mexican-American students in inner city Los Angeles. Christy returned to Utah in 1985 to accept a State Office of Education post as an equity specialist. In 1993, she was selected as principal of Bonneville Elementary in Salt Lake City, a position she held for five years. In 1998, Christy was named assistant superintendent for equity and advocacy in the Salt Lake City School District. She has worked in the area of diversity and multicultural education and she has conducted numerous trainings and presentations on diversity issues. She retired in 2017.

Her board memberships included the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice as part of the Office of the Governor for the State of Utah, The Center for Documentary Expression and Art, Utah Foster Care, and the Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital. In 2008, she served as chairwoman of the board of directors for the inaugural Pastor France A. Davis University of Utah Scholarship Fund, raising funds for scholarships specifically to assist traditionally marginalized African-American students.

She is the recipient of numerous awards including the NAACP Albert B. Fritz Civil Rights Worker of the Year Award, Educator of the Year Award by the Omega Psi Phi Iota Iota Iota Chapter in Salt Lake City and the KUTV

2017 Pioneers of Progress Award for Education, Health and Humanitarian Assistance.

Kathleen and her husband Raymond Christy have three adult children and six grandchildren.

Kathleen Christy was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on January 17, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Kathleen Christy was conducted by Larry Crowe on January 17, 2018, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and was recorded on 6 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Education administrator Kathleen Christy (1952-) was assistant superintendent for equity and advocacy in the Salt Lake City School District from 1998 to 2017 after serving as principal at Bonneville Elementary School in Salt Lake City, Utah, from 1993 to 1998.

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:

Christy, Kathleen, 1952-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Christy, Kathleen, 1952- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Education Administrator

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

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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 Kathleen Christy, Section A2018_011_001_001, TRT: 1:27:40 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kathleen Christy, Section A2018_011_001_002, TRT: 2:28:18 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kathleen Christy, Section A2018_011_001_003, TRT: 3:28:44 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kathleen Christy, Section A2018_011_001_004, TRT: 4:28:10 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kathleen Christy, Section A2018_011_001_005, TRT: 5:28:04 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kathleen Christy, Section A2018_011_001_006, TRT: 6:12:26 ?