

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Carolyn L. Mosby

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Mosby, Carolyn L., 1937-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Carolyn L. Mosby,
Dates:	January 18, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	6 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:32:55).
Abstract:	Educator Carolyn L. Mosby (1937 -) was the first African American teacher at John Marshall High School in Richmond, Virginia, and was later hired as the first African American administrator at John Tyler Community College. Mosby was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on January 18, 2018, in Richmond, Virginia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_013
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Educator Carolyn L. Mosby was born on March 6, 1937 in Lynchburg, Virginia to Wilbert Lewis Sr. and Nannie Jackson Lewis. Mosby graduated from Dunbar High School in 1954, and received her B.S. degree in mathematics from Virginia Union University in 1958. She later earned her M.A. degree in mathematics from Morgan State College in Baltimore, Maryland in 1971, and her Ed.D. degree in higher education administration from The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1983.

Mosby began her career as an English and Special Education teacher at East High School in Buffalo, New York in 1959. In 1961, she was hired as a mathematics teacher at Blackwell Junior High School in Richmond. Mosby went on to become the first African American teacher at John Marshall High School in 1965, where she taught mathematics and later served as the assistant principal from 1971 to 1973. During that time, she became an Upward Bound mathematics instructor at her alma mater, Virginia Union University. In 1974, she joined the university as an assistant professor of mathematics and director of the learning skills center; and in 1975, she served as the acting director of the general studies department. Mosby became the first academic African American Administrator at John Tyler Community College in 1979, when she was hired to head the Developmental Studies Division and then became Division Chair Mathematics, Science and Allied Health. After eleven years, Mosby retired in 1990; and went on to help start the Community Emergency Response program for the City of Richmond.

Mosby received several awards for her career in academia, including the Excellence in Teaching Award from the math department at Virginia State University in 1999 and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Virginia Union University. She was also honored as a community activist and school supporter by Richmond Public Schools, and named Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 1970, by the Kiwanis of North Richmond. During the 1970s, Mosby served as a public member of the state health regulatory board, appointed by Governor Linwood Holton. She was a member of the Kappa Mu Epsilon Mathematics Honor Society, and a longtime member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Carolyn L. Mosby was interviewed by *The History Makers* on January 18, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Carolyn L. Mosby was conducted by Harriette Cole on January 18, 2018, in Richmond, Virginia, and was recorded on 6 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Educator Carolyn L. Mosby (1937 -) was the first African American teacher at John Marshall High School in Richmond, Virginia, and was later hired as the first African American administrator at John Tyler Community College.

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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:

Mosby, Carolyn L., 1937-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Mosby, Carolyn L., 1937- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Academic Administrator

HistoryMakers® Category:

EducationMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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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 Carolyn L. Mosby, Section A2018_013_001_001, TRT: 1:28:51
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Video Oral History Interview with Carolyn L. Mosby, Section A2018_013_001_002, TRT: 2:28:58
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Video Oral History Interview with Carolyn L. Mosby, Section A2018_013_001_003, TRT: 3:29:13
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Video Oral History Interview with Carolyn L. Mosby, Section A2018_013_001_004, TRT: 4:28:53
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Video Oral History Interview with Carolyn L. Mosby, Section A2018_013_001_005, TRT: 5:31:04
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Video Oral History Interview with Carolyn L. Mosby, Section A2018_013_001_006, TRT: 6:05:56
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