# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers ® Video Oral History with Erika George

## Overview of the Collection

**Repository:** The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616

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Creator: George, Erika

**Title:** The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Erika George,

**Dates:** January 15, 2018

Bulk Dates: 2018

**Physical Description:** 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:04:10).

**Abstract:** Professor Erika George (1970 - ), a graduate of Harvard Law School, joined the faculty

of the University of Utah in 2003, and was named the Samuel D. Thurman Professor of Law in 2017. She authored over forty articles published in numerous law journals such as the New York University Journal of International Law and Policy. George was

interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on January 15, 2018, in Salt Lake City, Utah. This

collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.

**Identification:** A2018 014

**Language:** The interview and records are in English.

# Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Professor Erika George was born on July 8, 1970 in Chicago, Illinois to Betty Ann Zeno George and Alton Lloyd George. George graduated with her B.A. degree in politics, economics, rhetoric, and law with honors from the University of Chicago in 1992, and earned her M.A. degree in international relations in 1993. In 1996, George received her J.D. degree from Harvard Law School, where she served as articles editor for the *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*.

Upon earning her law degree, George worked as a litigation associate at Jenner & Block in Chicago, clerked for Judge William T. Hart on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and worked as a litigation associate at Coudert Brothers in New York City. In 1999, George accepted a fellow position at Human Rights Watch in New York City. She conducted research in South Africa on human rights, violence against women, and the HIV/AIDS epidemic, composing a book length report called "Scared at School: Sexual Violence Against Girls in South African Schools." In 2003, George became an assistant professor of law at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, teaching courses on constitutional law, human rights law, civil procedure, and international environmental law. She became a full professor in 2008, and was promoted to Samuel D. Thurman Professor of Law in 2017. George also served as co-director of the Center for Global Justice at the University of Utah. In addition to serving as a visiting professor at the University of Cape Town in Cape Town, South Africa, George was also a visiting professor at Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 2010, and a visiting scholar at the American Bar Foundation in 2011. In 2015, George was appointed to the American Bar Association's Center for Human Rights Board.

George received local and international recognition for her legal and civic contributions, including the 2008 Early Career Award from the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, and the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Award from the Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault in 2014. George also received recognition from Salt Lake

City's Human Rights Commission and the mayor's Office of Diversity and Human Rights. She was honored for her work on the Migrant Women Project by Zion Bank at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival "Women's Celebration Lunch" in Park City, Utah, and her research was featured by the Institute of Human Rights and Business. She was also elected to serve on the Pacific Council of International Policy. She has spoken at numerous United Nations human rights discussions, and authored over forty articles on topics ranging from human rights, women's rights, environmental policy, business law, and corporate responsibility, appearing in the *Michigan Journal of International Law Review*, and the *New York University Journal of International Law and Policy*.

Erika George was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on January 15, 2018.

# **Scope and Content**

This life oral history interview with Erika George was conducted by Larry Crowe on January 15, 2018, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Professor Erika George (1970 - ), a graduate of Harvard Law School, joined the faculty of the University of Utah in 2003, and was named the Samuel D. Thurman Professor of Law in 2017. She authored over forty articles published in numerous law journals such as the New York University Journal of International Law and Policy.

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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:

George, Erika

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews George, Erika--Interviews

# **Organizations:**

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

# **Occupations:**

Law Professor

# **HistoryMakers® Category:**

LawMakers

## 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 Erika George, January 15, 2018. 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**

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