

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Donna Brazile

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Brazile, Donna, 1959-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Donna Brazile,
Dates:	March 20, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	3 uncompressed MOV digital video files (1:28:06).
Abstract:	Political party executive Donna Brazile (1959 -) Brazile was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 20, 2018, in Washington, District of Columbia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_053
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Political strategist Donna Brazile was born on December 15, 1959 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Jean Marie Brown and Lionel Joseph Brazile Sr. Brazile attended Grace King High School, and participated in the TRIO Upward Bound Program. She received her B.S. degree in industrial psychology from Louisiana State University in 1981.

Brazile became interested in politics as a volunteer for the 1976 and 1980 presidential campaigns of Jimmy Carter-Walter Mondale. After graduating from Louisiana State University, Brazile worked as a lobbyist for the National Student Education Fund in Washington, D.C. Coretta Scott King hired Brazile to help with designating Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a federal holiday. In 1984, Brazile served as the mobilization director for Reverend Jesse Jackson's Democratic presidential campaign. In 1987, Brazile was hired as Dick Gephardt's national field director, and then as the deputy field director for Michael Dukakis. Brazile then accepted a position with the Community for Creative Non-Violence organization, where she served as chief of staff and press secretary to congressional delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton in 1990. In 1992 and 1996, Brazile served as an advisor for Bill Clinton's presidential campaigns. In 1998, she ran the Voter/Campaign Assessment Program for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. In 1999, Brazile was hired as the campaign manager for Democratic presidential candidate, Al Gore. Brazile was appointed chair of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute in 2000.

Brazile released her memoir, *Cooking with Grease-Stirring Pots in American Politics* in 2004. In 2011, and again in 2016, Brazile served as interim chair of the Democratic National Committee. Brazile released her second book, *Hacks: The Inside Story of the Break-Ins and Breakdowns that Put Donald Trump in the Whitehouse* in 2017. Brazile was a frequent contributor for *Ms. Magazine* and *Roll Call*. Brazile also served as a correspondent for CNN and ABC News, founded her own consulting firm named Brazile & Associates, and was a guest lecturer at Harvard University and Georgetown University.

Brazile was a member of the Screen Actors Guild, and the Louisiana Recovery Authority from 2005 to 2009. In 2017, she received the Torch Award from the National Newspaper Publishers Association and the W.E.B. Du Bois

Metal from Harvard University's Hutchins Center for African & African American Research. Brazile was a recipient of the 2018 Women of Power Legacy Award from Black Enterprise.

Donna Brazile was interviewed by *TheHistoryMakers* on March 20, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Donna Brazile was conducted by Harriette Cole on March 20, 2018, in Washington, District of Columbia, and was recorded on 3 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Political party executive Donna Brazile (1959 -)

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:

Brazile, Donna, 1959-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Brazile, Donna, 1959- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Political Party Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

PoliticalMakers

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 Donna Brazile, Section A2018_053_001_001, TRT: 1:29:42 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Donna Brazile, Section A2018_053_001_002, TRT: 2:30:21 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Donna Brazile, Section A2018_053_001_003, TRT: 3:28:03 ?

