

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Chet Hewitt

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Hewitt, Chet, 1958-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Chet Hewitt,
Dates:	April 5, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:57:03).
Abstract:	Nonprofit executive Chet Hewitt (1958 -) was the first African American director of the Alameda County social services agency's child and family services division. He later served as the president and chief executive officer of the Sierra Health Foundation. Hewitt was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 5, 2018, in Sacramento, California. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_067
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Nonprofit executive Chet Hewitt was born on November 30, 1958 in New York City to Millicent Braithwaite Hewitt and George Johnson. After passing his high school equivalency exam, Hewitt began working as a YMCA counselor in Staten Island, New York, later becoming a program director at the YMCA. Upon moving to San Francisco, California in the early 1980s, Hewitt worked as an after-school program director, and joined the therapeutic foster parents initiative program. He then enrolled at the New College of California School of Law, where he completed an internship with the San Francisco Public Defenders Office in 1991, before receiving his J.D. degree in 1992.

From 1993 to 1994, Hewitt served as the founding director of the Detention Diversion Advocacy Project for the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice in San Francisco. In 1995, he completed a fellowship with the Annie E. Casey Foundation; and one year later, he became an associate director of working communities at the Rockefeller Foundation. In 2000, Hewitt was hired as an assistant agency director with the Alameda County Social Services Agency's child and family services division, and was promoted to director the following year. Then, in 2007, Hewitt became the president and chief executive officer of the Sierra Health Foundation in Sacramento, where he was also involved with the blue ribbon commission and the steering committee. During this time, he founded the black child legacy campaign. In 2012, Hewitt became president and chief executive officer of the center at the Sierra Health Foundation. Hewitt helped The Center to launch the San Joaquin Valley Health Fund, the Fresno Legal Defense Fund, and the California Funders for Boys and Men of Color project.

Hewitt has received numerous awards for his nonprofit work, including the Black Child Administrator of the Year Award in 2009 and the Robert T. Matsui Community Service Award from the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee in 2016. Hewitt was also a recipient of the Grantland Johnson Intergovernmental Cooperation Award, and the Urban League President's Award. Hewitt served on the board of the Public Policy Institute of California, Advance Peace, Grantmakers in Health, Valley Vision, and the Sacramento Foundation.

Hewitt has two sons, Chet II and Stephen.

Chet Hewitt was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on April 5, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Chet Hewitt was conducted by Larry Crowe on April 5, 2018, in Sacramento, California, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Nonprofit executive Chet Hewitt (1958 -) was the first African American director of the Alameda County social services agency's child and family services division. He later served as the president and chief executive officer of the Sierra Health Foundation.

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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:

Hewitt, Chet, 1958-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Hewitt, Chet, 1958- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Healthcare Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

MedicalMakers

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 Chet Hewitt, Section A2018_067_001_001, TRT: 1:29:35 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Chet Hewitt, Section A2018_067_001_002, TRT: 2:31:05 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Chet Hewitt, Section A2018_067_001_003, TRT: 3:28:51 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Chet Hewitt, Section A2018_067_001_004, TRT: 4:30:15 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Chet Hewitt, Section A2018_067_001_005, TRT: 5:28:32 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Chet Hewitt, Section A2018_067_001_006, TRT: 6:22:22 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Chet Hewitt, Section A2018_067_001_007, TRT: 7:06:23 ?