

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Carol Jenkins

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Jenkins, Carol, 1944-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Carol Jenkins,
Dates:	April 29, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:52:42).
Abstract:	Television host and reporter Carol Jenkins (1944 -) worked at WWOR-TV, WNBC-TV, and WNYW-TV over the course of her career. She also served as the founding president of the Women's Media Center. Jenkins was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 29, 2018, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_087
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Television host and reporter Carol Jenkins was born on November 30, 1944 in Montgomery, Alabama to Elizabeth Gardner Jenkins and John Young. Jenkins moved with her mother and stepfather, Edwin Jenkins, to New York City in 1947, where she graduated from the Springfield Gardens Academy in 1962. Jenkins then earned her B.A. degree in speech pathology from Boston University in 1966, and her M.A. degree in speech pathology from New York University in 1968.

Jenkins began her career in broadcast television in 1970, working as a researcher and reporter for WWOR-TV in New York City. The following year, Jenkins became the co-host of WWOR-TV's *Straight Talk*, one of the first daily public affairs programs in New York City. In 1973, Jenkins was hired as the co-host of *Positively Black* at WNBC-TV. She also worked as an anchor and reporter for the station, traveling to South Africa in 1990 to cover Nelson Mandela's release from prison. Jenkins then joined WNYC-TV in 1998, where she worked as a reporter and anchor, in addition to hosting her own daily talk show, *Carol Jenkins Live*. After retiring as a television host and reporter in 2000, Jenkins founded her own media consulting business, Carol Jenkins & Company. In 2003, Jenkins served as an executive producer of the PBS documentary *What I Want My Words To Do To You*. One year later, Jenkins and her daughter, Elizabeth Gardner Hines, co-authored the book *Black Titan: A.G. Gaston and the Making of a Black Millionaire*, about her maternal uncle, prominent southern businessman A.G. Gaston. Jenkins served as the founding president of the Women's Media Center from 2006 to 2009; and in 2010, she founded a media consulting firm called caroljenkins:media. In 2016, Jenkins became the host of the television show *Black America* on CUNY TV.

Jenkins served on the board of directors of the Women's Media Center, and chaired the board of directors for GreenStone Media LLC and the African Medical & Research Foundation. Jenkins was a recipient of the 2008 National Council on Women's Organizations Women's Equality Award; and in 2009, she received the North Star News Prize from the North Star Foundation. She was also a recipient of the Ida B. Wells Bravery in Journalism

Award from Women's eNews and a United Nations Foundation press fellowship in global health issues.

Jenkins has two children and three grandchildren.

Carol Jenkins was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on April 29, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Carol Jenkins was conducted by Harriette Cole on April 29, 2018, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Television host and reporter Carol Jenkins (1944 -) worked at WWOR-TV, WNBC-TV, and WNYW-TV over the course of her career. She also served as the founding president of the Women's Media Center.

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:

Jenkins, Carol, 1944-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Jenkins, Carol, 1944- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Broadcast Journalist

HistoryMakers® Category:

MediaMakers

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 Carol Jenkins, Section A2018_087_001_001, TRT: 1:31:01 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carol Jenkins, Section A2018_087_001_002, TRT: 2:30:06 ?

- Video Oral History Interview with Carol Jenkins, Section A2018_087_001_003, TRT: 3:29:12 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Carol Jenkins, Section A2018_087_001_004, TRT: 4:31:54 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Carol Jenkins, Section A2018_087_001_005, TRT: 5:28:36 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Carol Jenkins, Section A2018_087_001_006, TRT: 6:08:49 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Carol Jenkins, Section A2018_087_001_007, TRT: 7:13:04 ?