

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Ronald J. Temple

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Temple, Ronald J., 1940-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Ronald J. Temple,
Dates:	July 14, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:13:27).
Abstract:	Education administrator Ronald J. Temple (1940- 2020) served as chancellor Peralta Community College District and Chicago City Colleges and as the third president of the Community College of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania and the president at Wayne County Community College in Detroit, Michigan. Temple was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on July 14, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_143
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Education administrator Ronald J. Temple was born on September 10, 1940 in Chicago, Illinois. A graduate of Marshall High School in Chicago, Illinois he received his B.A. degree in 1964 from Eureka College, in Eureka, Illinois, and his M.A. degree in 1965, and later his Ph.D. degree in 1985, both from the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1965, he began his career teaching at Lyons Township High School and Junior College in La Grange, Illinois. Temple was hired by the University of Cincinnati as assistant dean of student groups, becoming the university's first black senior-level administrator in 1967. In 1969, he founded and served as the first president of the United Black Faculty Association as well as the University of Cincinnati's first American urban history instructor. In 1971, Temple was promoted to serve as special assistant to University of Cincinnati president Warren Bennis where he campaigned for increased state support for the university. That same year, he was appointed to the Cincinnati Public Schools Board of Education where he served for four years until 1975. Temple was then promoted to dean of the university and served in this role for ten years from 1975 to 1985.

Then in 1985, Temple became president of Wayne County Community College in Detroit, Michigan and over a five year period worked to reduce the college's \$2 million deficit. He was then hired as the third president of the Community College of Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania where he served from 1990 to 1993, focusing on improving the college's vocational training programs and partnerships with area businesses. Temple served as chancellor of Chicago City Colleges from 1993 to 1999 before becoming chancellor of Peralta Community College District in Oakland, California where he served from 1999 to 2003 before retiring.

Temple was appointed to serve on the National BSA Executive Board in 1994 and on the Program Group Committee. He later served on the Chicago Area Council Executive Board. Temple was also a recipient of the

Silver Beaver and Silver Buffalo Awards in 1998.

Ronald J. Temple was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on July 12, 2018.

Temple passed away on November 26, 2020.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Ronald J. Temple was conducted by Larry Crowe on July 14, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Education administrator Ronald J. Temple (1940- 2020) served as chancellor Peralta Community College District and Chicago City Colleges and as the third president of the Community College of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania and the president at Wayne County Community College in Detroit, Michigan.

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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:

Temple, Ronald J., 1940-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Temple, Ronald J., 1940- --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

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 Ronald J. Temple, Section A2018_143_001_001, TRT: 1:32:02

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Video Oral History Interview with Ronald J. Temple, Section A2018_143_001_002, TRT: 2:29:21

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Video Oral History Interview with Ronald J. Temple, Section A2018_143_001_003, TRT: 3:28:06

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Video Oral History Interview with Ronald J. Temple, Section A2018_143_001_004, TRT: 4:29:38

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Video Oral History Interview with Ronald J. Temple, Section A2018_143_001_005, TRT: 5:27:48

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Video Oral History Interview with Ronald J. Temple, Section A2018_143_001_006, TRT: 6:29:12

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Video Oral History Interview with Ronald J. Temple, Section A2018_143_001_007, TRT: 7:29:31

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Video Oral History Interview with Ronald J. Temple, Section A2018_143_001_009, TRT: 9:17:54

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