

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Deborah Jackson

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Jackson, Deborah, 1952-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Deborah Jackson,
Dates:	August 23, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	4 uncompressed MOV digital video files (1:53:18).
Abstract:	Academic administrator and nonprofit executive (1952-) was selected president of Cambridge College in 2011. In 2002, Jackson was named CEO of the American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay after serving as the first female and African American president and CEO of Morgan Memorial Goodwill Charities, Inc. Jackson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 23, 2018, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_166
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Academic administrator and nonprofit executive Deborah Jackson was born in 1952. She enrolled at Hampton Institute in Hampton, Virginia, but transferred to Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts where she received her B.A. degree in 1974, and her M.S. degree in urban studies and planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1975.

Jackson began her career as a policy analyst and then was promoted to deputy director of the Health Care and Income Security Group at Abt Associates Inc. Jackson then worked as the executive director of the Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center. In 1989, she became the first female and African American president and CEO of Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries, Inc., From there, Jackson was hired as the senior vice president for Network Development and Community Service at Boston Children's Hospital. She went on to become the vice president for program at the Boston Foundation, where she managed the \$50 million grant and initiatives program. In 2002, Jackson was named CEO of the American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay. During her time there, she led the organization to increase its coverage area. In 2011, Jackson was selected president of Cambridge College.

Jackson was selected a Barr Foundation fellow in 2009, and a fellow at Harvard University's Advanced Leadership Initiative Program. Jackson received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from Curry College in 2014. She was a senior fellow at Boston University's Graduate School of Business/Institute for Non-profit Management and Leadership; and a fellow of the British-American Project of Johns Hopkins University School for Advanced International Studies.

She served on the American Red Cross National Diversity Advisory Council, and as the lead director of the board

of directors for Eastern Bank. She was a board member of the American Student Assistance Corporation for over fifteen years, as well as serving on the boards of Roxbury Community College, Boston College Carroll School of Management Advisory Board, Northeastern University Corporation, Milton Academy and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

Jackson has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Pinnacle Award for Achievement in Management, *Boston Magazine's* "100 Most Influential Women in Boston," *El Planeta* Newspaper's "100 Most Influential People for Latinos," and she has been inducted into the Women's Business Hall of Fame. She and her husband, architect L. Duane Jackson, have two sons: Leigh Jackson and Jeffrey Jackson.

Deborah Jackson was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on August 23, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Deborah Jackson was conducted by Harriette Cole on August 23, 2018, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 4 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Academic administrator and nonprofit executive (1952-) was selected president of Cambridge College in 2011. In 2002, Jackson was named CEO of the American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay after serving as the first female and African American president and CEO of Morgan Memorial Goodwill Charities, Inc.

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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:

Jackson, Deborah, 1952-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Jackson, Deborah, 1952- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

University President

HistoryMakers® Category:

EducationMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Preferred Citation

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Deborah Jackson, August 23, 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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- Video Oral History Interview with Deborah Jackson, Section A2018_166_001_002, TRT: 2:27:50 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Deborah Jackson, Section A2018_166_001_003, TRT: 3:27:50 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Deborah Jackson, Section A2018_166_001_004, TRT: 4:29:52 ?