

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Thomas A. Parham

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Parham, Thomas A. (Thomas Anthony), 1954-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Thomas A. Parham,
Dates:	December 14, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:09:57).
Abstract:	College president and academic administrator Thomas A. Parham (1954-) served as vice chancellor at University of California, Irvine, before serving as president of California State University, Dominguez Hills. Parham was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on December 14, 2018, in Los Angeles, California. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_229
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

College president and academic administrator Thomas A. Parham was born on October 2, 1954 in Queens, New York to William and Sadie Parham. In 1970, he graduated from Daniel Murphy High School, in Los Angeles, California. He went on to earn his B.A. degree in social ecology in 1977 from University of California Irvine, and his M.A. degree in counseling psychology in 1978 from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1982, Parham received his Ph.D. degree in counseling psychology from Southern Illinois University, in Carbondale, Illinois.

Parham served as assistant professor at University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, from 1982 to 1985. He joined the faculty at the University of California Irvine in 1985 and held several positions over thirty-three years including: assistant vice chancellor for counseling and health services, counseling center director, career and life planning center director, and vice chancellor for student affairs. In 1986, he was appointed to the City of Irvine's Human Relations Committee, and helped draft the city's first human rights ordinance, which was passed by the city council. He also served as chair of UCI's Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium for ten years. Parham was appointed the eleventh president of California State University Dominguez Hills in 2018.

Parham has served as a licensed psychologist for more than thirty-five years as a scholar and practitioner, with a research focus in the area of psychological negrescence, African psychology, and multicultural counseling. In addition to writing over forty-five journal articles and/or book chapters, he authored *Psychological Storms: The African American Struggle for Identity* in 1997 and *Counseling Persons of African Descent: Raising the Bar of Practitioner Competence* in 2002. He co-authored *Culturally Adaptive Counseling Skills: Demonstrations of Evidence-Based Practices* in 2011 and *The Psychology of Blacks: Centering Our Perspectives in the African Consciousness* in 2011.

Parham, an alumnus of the American Psychological Association's Minority Fellowship Program, has fellow status

in divisions seventeen and forty-five of the APA and also with the American Counseling Association. He has held the title of distinguished psychologist in the Association of Black Psychologists. Parham served as president of the National Association of Black Psychologists and the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (an ACA division). He served on the editorial board for the *Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development* for five years, completed a term on the editorial board of the *Journal of Counseling and Development*, and served as an ad hoc reviewer for the *Journal of Black Psychology*. Parham has also served as a treating clinician for the NFL substance abuse program.

He was the recipient of the 2018 Illustrious Leadership Award from the American Psychological Association's Minority Fellowship Program.

Thomas A. Parham was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on December 14, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Thomas A. Parham was conducted by Harriette Cole on December 14, 2018, in Los Angeles, California, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. College president and academic administrator Thomas A. Parham (1954-) served as vice chancellor at University of California, Irvine, before serving as president of California State University, Dominguez Hills.

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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:

Parham, Thomas A. (Thomas Anthony), 1954-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Parham, Thomas A. (Thomas Anthony), 1954- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Academic Administrator

College President

HistoryMakers® Category:

EducationMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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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 Thomas A. Parham, Section A2018_229_001_001, TRT: 1:28:40 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Thomas A. Parham, Section A2018_229_001_002, TRT: 2:31:51 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Thomas A. Parham, Section A2018_229_001_003, TRT: 3:28:33 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Thomas A. Parham, Section A2018_229_001_004, TRT: 4:30:47 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Thomas A. Parham, Section A2018_229_001_005, TRT: 5:29:49 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Thomas A. Parham, Section A2018_229_001_006, TRT: 6:29:26 ?

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