

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Argelia Rodriguez

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Rodríguez, Argelia, 1959-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Argelia Rodriguez,
Dates:	January 21, 2019
Bulk Dates:	2019
Physical Description:	6 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:02:27).
Abstract:	Nonprofit executive Argelia Rodriguez (1959 -) served as president of the D.C. College Access Program (DC-CAP). Rodriguez was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on January 21, 2019, in Washington, District of Columbia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2019_002
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Nonprofit executive Argelia Rodriguez was born on May 12, 1959 in Havana, Cuba to Argelia Velez-Rodriguez and Raul Rodriguez. In 1962, Rodriguez immigrated to the United States with her mother and brother, Raul Rodriguez, Jr. After graduating from the Ursuline Sisters Academy in Dallas, Texas in 1976, Rodriguez went on to receive her B.S. degree from Stanford University in 1980, and her M.B.A. degree from the Harvard Business School in 1984.

In 1980, Rodriguez worked for the International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) as an engineer and later for Texas Instruments, Inc. She then was hired by Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. in New York City, where she worked on strategic planning technology and mergers and acquisitions. After Rodriguez received her M.B.A. degree in 1984, she returned to Booz Allen Hamilton, before starting her own independent consulting firm in Washington, D.C. There, she worked for the District of Columbia Public Schools to increase STEM education among minority students. In 1997, Rodriguez served as the deputy director of product marketing and educational outreach for President Bill Clinton for the 1997 Presidential Inauguration. Then, in 1999, Rodriguez was appointed president of the D.C. College Access Program (DC-CAP), which partnered with D.C. schools to provide counseling and financial assistance to underserved students in the D.C. area. In 2007, Rodriguez launched the Alpha Leadership Program (ALP) for DC-CAP, an initiative that relies on community volunteers who serve as mentors to young men in five D.C. public and charter high schools. The following year, DC-CAP held their first annual DC-Capital Stars Gala Competition which showcased the artistic abilities of college-bound students from the D.C. area.

Rodriguez served on the board of trustees at Trinity Washington University and was elected to the Harvard University Board of Overseers in 2013. In 2010, she delivered the commencement address at Trinity Washington University and received an honorary degree. That same year, she received the Bert King Award for Service from Harvard Business School and was named a Murdoch Community Hero by News Corp in 2014.

Rodriguez resides in Bethesda, Maryland.

Argelia Rodriguez was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on January 21, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Argelia Rodriguez was conducted by Larry Crowe on January 21, 2019, in Washington, District of Columbia, and was recorded on 6 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Nonprofit executive Argelia Rodriguez (1959 -) served as president of the D.C. College Access Program (DC-CAP).

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:

Rodríguez, Argelia, 1959-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Rodríguez, Argelia, 1959- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Nonprofit Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

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

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Video Oral History Interview with Argelia Rodriguez, Section A2019_002_001_002, TRT: 2:30:00
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Video Oral History Interview with Argelia Rodriguez, Section A2019_002_001_003, TRT: 3:27:22
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Video Oral History Interview with Argelia Rodriguez, Section A2019_002_001_004, TRT: 1:29:52
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Video Oral History Interview with Argelia Rodriguez, Section A2019_002_001_005, TRT: 2:29:11
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Video Oral History Interview with Argelia Rodriguez, Section A2019_002_001_006, TRT: 3:34:13
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