

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake

Overview of the Collection

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Creator:	Rawlings-Blake, Stephanie, 1970-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake,
Dates:	January 22, 2019
Bulk Dates:	2019
Physical Description:	10 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:50:47).
Abstract:	Political leader Stephanie Rawlings-Blake (1970 -) served as the forty-ninth Mayor of Baltimore from 2010 to 2016, and was the youngest person ever elected to the Baltimore City Council, where she also served as vice president and president. Rawlings-Blake was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on January 22, 2019, in Washington, District of Columbia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2019_008
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Political leader Stephanie Rawlings-Blake was born on March 17, 1970 in Baltimore, Maryland to Nina Rawlings and Howard Rawlings. After graduating from Western High School in Baltimore, Maryland in 1988, Rawlings-Blake received her B.A. degree in political science from Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio in 1992, and her J.D. degree from the University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore, Maryland in 1995.

In 1990, Rawlings-Blake served on the Baltimore City Democratic State Central Committee and as a member of the Young Democrats of Maryland. In 1995, Rawlings-Blake was the youngest person ever elected to the Baltimore City Council at the age of twenty-five. She was admitted to the Maryland State bar in 1996, and the federal bar the following year. She then served as an administrative law attorney with the Baltimore City office of the Maryland Legal Aid bureau and later as a staff attorney for the Maryland Office of the Public Defender in its Southern District. In 1999, Rawlings-Blake was elected to serve as vice president of the Baltimore City Council; and, in 2007, she was elected president. In 2010, Rawlings-Blake stepped in as Mayor of Baltimore after then-Mayor Sheila Dixon resigned. The following year, Rawlings-Blake was elected Mayor of Baltimore. In 2013, she became secretary of the Democratic National Committee; and, in 2015, she was elected president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. In 2016, Rawlings-Blake stepped down as the Mayor of Baltimore and founded SRB & Associates, a government relations firm. In 2017, she became a senior advisor of Dentons, a multi-national law firm.

Rawlings-Blake served as chair of the Baltimore City Board of Estimates and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council Board of Directors. She co-chaired the UniverCity Partnership Initiative and served as a member of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the Maryland Association of Counties Legislative Committee, the Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore, the Maryland Municipal League, the Baltimore City Board of Legislative Reference, and the Maryland African American Museum Corporation. Rawlings-Blake also served on the board of

trustees for the Walters Art Museum and St. Mary's College of Maryland, as a delegate for the Democratic Party National Convention and as secretary for the National Conference of Democratic Mayors.

Rawlings-Blake received the Shirley Chisholm Memorial Trailblazer Award from the National Congress of Black Women, Washington, D.C. Chapter in 2009. In 2010, she received the Fullwood Foundation Award of Excellence and was voted "Innovator of the Year" by *The Daily Record*. She was also voted among "Maryland's Top 100 Women" by *The Daily Record* in 2007 and 2011. In 2012, she received the National Leadership Award in Public Service from the National Forum for Black Public Administrators. The following year, Rawlings-Blake received the ICONS We Love Award from Baltimore Black Pride, was voted among the "50 Women to Watch" by the *Baltimore Sun* and received the First Citizen Award from the Maryland State Senate.

Rawlings-Blake has one daughter, Sophia.

Stephanie Rawlings-Blake was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on January 22, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake was conducted by Larry Crowe on January 22, 2019, in Washington, District of Columbia, and was recorded on 10 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Political leader Stephanie Rawlings-Blake (1970 -) served as the forty-ninth Mayor of Baltimore from 2010 to 2016, and was the youngest person ever elected to the Baltimore City Council, where she also served as vice president and president.

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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:

Rawlings-Blake, Stephanie, 1970-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Rawlings-Blake, Stephanie, 1970- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Political Leader

Mayor

HistoryMakers® Category:

PoliticalMakers

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 The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Section A2019_008_001_003, TRT: 3:28:54 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Section A2019_008_001_004, TRT: 4:29:48 ?

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