

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Riley J. Williams, III

Overview of the Collection

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Creator:	Williams, Riley J.
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Riley J. Williams, III,
Dates:	March 29, 2019
Bulk Dates:	2019
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:58:30).
Abstract:	Orthopedic surgeon Dr. Riley J. Williams III (1966 -) served as professor of clinical orthopedic surgery at the Weill Cornell Medical College, orthopedic surgeon and specialist at the Hospital for Special Surgery, and head team physician and orthopedic surgeon for the Brooklyn Nets. Williams was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 29, 2019, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2019_026
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Orthopedic surgeon Dr. Riley J. Williams III was born on March 16, 1966 in Los Angeles, California. He received his B.S. degree from Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut in 1987, and his M.D. degree from the Stanford University School of Medicine in Stanford, California in 1992.

Williams completed his surgical residency and post-graduate fellowship in sports medicine surgery at the Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) in New York City. He was hired as a staff surgeon and specialist at HSS in 1998. Williams held dual appointments at HSS as a full-time member of the sports medicine and shoulder service, and the HSS Research Division as a clinician-scientist. He was also appointed instructor in orthopedic surgery at the Weill Cornell Medical College and became head team physician for the Iona College department of athletics. In 2000, Williams was promoted to assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at the Weill Cornell Medical College. Later, in 2005, he was hired as head team physician and orthopedic surgeon of the National Basketball Association's (NBA) Brooklyn Nets. That same year, he became the medical director and team orthopedic surgeon for the New York Red Bulls soccer team of Major League Soccer (MLS). In 2012, Williams served as founder and chief medical officer of R2T2 Laboratories, Inc., where he invented the Thermal fast-recovery and injury prevention handheld roller. In 2014, Williams was named team physician for USA Olympic Men's Basketball team and was also appointed director of the FIFA Center of Excellence at HSS. Throughout his career, Williams performed surgeries on a number of professional athletes including, Paul George of the NBA's Oklahoma City Thunder, Al Iaquinta of the Ultimate Fighting Championship, Tyreke Evans of the NBA's Indiana Pacers, WBC/WBA welterweight boxing champion Keith Thurman, D'Angelo Russell of the Brooklyn Nets, and Dustin Pedroia and Steven Wright of Major League Baseball's Boston Red Sox. In 2017, Williams was promoted to professor of orthopedic surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College, and attending orthopedic surgeon at HSS.

In 1998, Williams received the Philip D. Wilson Jr. Award for Excellence in Research from the Hospital for

Special Surgery, and the Ranawat Award for Excellence in Research from the Eastern Orthopedic Association. In 2003, Williams received the Charles C. Neer Award for Excellence in Research from the American Shoulder and Elbow Society. He also received the Aircast Award for Clinical Medicine from the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine in 2005. Williams was also named to the Castle Connolly Top Doctors in New York Metro Area list, and the Castle Connolly America's Top Doctors list, since 2007 and 2010, respectively.

Williams was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 29, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Dr. Riley J. Williams, III was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on March 29, 2019, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Orthopedic surgeon Dr. Riley J. Williams III (1966 -) served as professor of clinical orthopedic surgery at the Weill Cornell Medical College, orthopedic surgeon and specialist at the Hospital for Special Surgery, and head team physician and orthopedic surgeon for the Brooklyn Nets.

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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:

Williams, Riley J.

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Williams, Riley J.--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Orthopedic Surgeon

HistoryMakers® Category:

MedicalMakers

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 Dr. Riley J. Williams, III, Section A2019_026_001_001, TRT: 1:31:15 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Riley J. Williams, III, Section A2019_026_001_002, TRT: 2:30:14 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Riley J. Williams, III, Section A2019_026_001_003, TRT: 3:31:55 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Riley J. Williams, III, Section A2019_026_001_004, TRT: 4:30:00 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Riley J. Williams, III, Section A2019_026_001_005, TRT: 5:30:04 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Riley J. Williams, III, Section A2019_026_001_006, TRT: 6:32:09 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Riley J. Williams, III, Section A2019_026_001_007, TRT: 7:31:30 ?

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