

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Pamela Junior

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Junior, Pamela, 1958-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Pamela Junior,
Dates:	April 23, 2019
Bulk Dates:	2019
Physical Description:	6 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:49:03).
Abstract:	Museum director Pamela Junior (1959 -) managed the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center and served as museum director of the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. Junior was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 23, 2019, in Jackson, Mississippi. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2019_030
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Museum director Pamela Junior was born on August 11, 1958 in Jackson, Mississippi to Beulah Carolyn Green Turner and Melvin Allen Crockett. She graduated from Wingfield High School in Jackson, Mississippi in 1975 and received her B.A. degree in therapeutic recreation and special education from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi in 1981.

After graduation, Junior served as a park ranger with the National Parks Service in Washington, D.C. In 1990, she returned to Mississippi and served as a secretary for a year before joining the Parks and Recreation Department in the City of Jackson as a facilities coordinator. Junior was promoted to supervisor in the Recreation Department, where she oversaw programming in eight community centers. In this role, Junior established the first August Festival, a city-wide Easter egg hunt, and the first Halloween carnival. In 1999, she was hired as the manager of the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center, where she became co-coordinator of the National Arts Program (NAP), and also curated and organized the *Mississippi Blues: A Pictorial History of Poverty in the Rural South* exhibit at the Smith Robertson Museum in 2009. Junior stepped down from her position at Smith Robertson and was named director of the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, the first state-sponsored civil rights museum in the nation, in 2017.

Junior served on the Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area board of directors, the Mississippi Book Festival and co-founded the Mississippi Black Theater Festival. In 2014, under Junior's leadership, the Smith Robertson Museum was named among the 50 States 50 spots by CNN. The following year, Junior was honored at Jackson State University at the 47th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Convocation. In 2018, Junior received the Civil Rights and Social Justice Award at the 8th Annual National Civil Rights Conference. She is also the recipient of the Freedom Rider Award from the Mississippi Freedom 50th Foundation, the For My People Award from the Margaret Walker Center at Jackson State University, and the Hometown Hero Award from the Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Pamela Junior was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on April 23, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Pamela Junior was conducted by Larry Crowe on April 23, 2019, in Jackson, Mississippi, and was recorded on 6 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Museum director Pamela Junior (1959 -) managed the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center and served as museum director of the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum.

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:

Junior, Pamela, 1958-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Junior, Pamela, 1958- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Museum Director

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

Video Oral History Interview with Pamela Junior, Section A2019_030_001_001, TRT: 1:29:37 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Pamela Junior, Section A2019_030_001_002, TRT: 2:30:45 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Pamela Junior, Section A2019_030_001_003, TRT: 3:28:49 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Pamela Junior, Section A2019_030_001_004, TRT: 4:30:09 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Pamela Junior, Section A2019_030_001_005, TRT: 5:28:56 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Pamela Junior, Section A2019_030_001_006, TRT: 6:20:47 ?