

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with David L. Evans

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Evans, David L.
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with David L. Evans,
Dates:	August 28, 2019
Bulk Dates:	2019
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:17:41).
Abstract:	Academic administrator and electrical engineer David L. Evans (1939 -) joined the Harvard College admissions office in 1970 and was promoted to senior admissions officer in 1975. Evans was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 28, 2019, in Boston, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2019_097
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Academic administrator and electrical engineer David L. Evans was born on December 27, 1939 in Wabash, Arkansas to Letha Canada and William Evans. Evans received his B.S. degree in electrical engineering from Tennessee Agricultural & Industrial State College in 1962, and his M.S.E. degree in electrical engineering from Princeton University in 1966.

In 1962, Evans joined the Boeing Company as an electrical engineer in Seattle, Washington. For six months, Evans served as an electrical engineer for Lockheed Missiles and Space Company in Huntsville, Alabama in 1964, and as a researcher in electrical engineering at RCA Sarnoff Laboratories in Princeton, New Jersey during the summer of 1965. From December 1967 to June 1968, he was part of a team of engineers sent from the Federal Systems Division of IBM to work on the Lunar Excursion Module (LEM) at The Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation in Bethpage, New York. Grumman was the prime contractor for building the LEM, and IBM built the Launch Vehicle Digital Computer and the Launch Vehicle Data Adapter, all a part of the Apollo 11 vehicle that landed on the moon in July 1969. Also during his time at IBM, Evans started a college recruiting and placement service for young African American students which gained the attention of college administrators. In 1970, Harvard invited him to join the Harvard College Admissions Office, where he served as the assistant director of admissions and freshman proctor. Two years later, became associate director of admissions and senior advisor of freshmen. Evans was promoted to senior admissions officer at Harvard in 1975. In 1981, Evans joined the board of advisors of the Harvard Foundation for Intercultural and Race Relations.

From 1979 to 1981, Evans was on the five person Human Relations Committee of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors. He joined the advisory committee for the Dorothy Danforth Compton Fellowships in International Affairs in 1981, and the advisory committee for the Frances Emily Hunt Trust Fund in 1983. Evans has also been a trustee of St. George's School and Roxbury Latin School, on the community advisory board of WGBH in Boston, Massachusetts, and on the board of directors of Harvard Student Agencies.

In 1970, Evans was nominated as the Outstanding Young Electrical Engineer in the United States. He was chosen as the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year of Tennessee State University in 1972, and received the Distinguished Alumni Award given by the Association of Black Princeton Alumni in 1987. In 1990, he was named the 311th of President George H.W. Bush's "Thousand Points of Light" for his community service work in Boston. Evans also received Harvard University's Faculty of Arts and Sciences' top prize for Administrative Service in 2002. A year later, the Harvard Black alumni endowed the David L. Evans Scholarship Fund, which has raised over one million dollars. Evans was inducted into the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame in 2005.

David L. Evans was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on August 28, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with David L. Evans was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on August 28, 2019, in Boston, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Academic administrator and electrical engineer David L. Evans (1939 -) joined the Harvard College admissions office in 1970 and was promoted to senior admissions officer in 1975.

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:

Evans, David L.

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Evans, David L.--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Academic Administrator

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 David L. Evans, Section A2019_097_001_001, TRT: 1:28:59 ?

Video Oral History Interview with David L. Evans, Section A2019_097_001_002, TRT: 2:30:19 ?

Video Oral History Interview with David L. Evans, Section A2019_097_001_003, TRT: 3:30:19 ?

Video Oral History Interview with David L. Evans, Section A2019_097_001_004, TRT: 4:29:13 ?

Video Oral History Interview with David L. Evans, Section A2019_097_001_005, TRT: 5:30:46 ?

Video Oral History Interview with David L. Evans, Section A2019_097_001_006, TRT: 6:25:40 ?

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