

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Charles R. Lawrence III

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## Overview of the Collection

<b>Repository:</b>	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
<b>Creator:</b>	Lawrence, Charles, 1943-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Charles R. Lawrence III,
<b>Dates:</b>	December 9, 2019
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2019
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:41:59).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Law professor Charles R. Lawrence III (1943- ) has served as Centennial University Professor and professor of law at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa William S. Richardson School of Law since 2008. He has held tenured positions at the University of San Francisco School of Law, Stanford Law School, and Georgetown University Law Center. Lawrence was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on December 9, 2019, in Honolulu, Hawaii. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2019_135
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Professor Charles R. Lawrence III was born on May 4, 1943 in New York City. He attended Spring Valley public schools in New York; and, in 1965, graduated with his B.A. degree from Haverford College in Haverford, Pennsylvania. In 1969, he received his J.D. degree from Yale Law School in New Haven, Connecticut.

From 1969 to 1970, Lawrence served as an attorney and research associate at the Harvard Center for Law and Education and as an assistant professor at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education. From 1970 to 1972, he was director and principal of the Highland Park Free School in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1972, Lawrence was hired as a senior attorney at Public Advocates in San Francisco, California where he also served as a professor of law at the University of San Francisco School of Law from 1974 to 1986. During this time he also served as a visiting professor at Harvard Law School from 1979 to 1980, the University of California at Berkeley School of Law from 1981 to 1982, and the UCLA School of Law in 1986. He worked as a tenured professor at Stanford Law School from 1986 to 1993 and at Georgetown University Law Center from 1993 to 2012. During this time, Lawrence also briefly served as a visiting professor at the University of Southern California Gould School of Law from 1991 to 1992, and at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa from 2004 to 2005. Lawrence later joined the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's William S. Richardson School of Law in 2008 where he served as professor of law and Centennial University Professor. During his career, Lawrence specialized in antidiscrimination law, equal protection, and critical race theory. He has co-authored three books: *The Bakke Case: The Politics of Inequality* (1979), *Words That Wound: Critical Race Theory, Assaultive Speech, and The First Amendment* (1993), and *We Won't Go Back: Making the Case for Affirmative Action* (1997).

Lawrence served as a member of the District of Columbia Board of Education, National Public Radio, and several other public interest boards.

During his career, Lawrence received numerous awards, including the University of San Francisco School of Law's Most Distinguished Professor Award in 1978, the John Bingham Hurlburt Award for Excellence in Teaching, and the Society of American Law Teachers National Teaching Award in 2003. He was also awarded honorary doctorates from Haverford College in 2000, Georgetown University Law Center in 2017, and Nelson Mandela University in 2019. Charles R. Lawrence III was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on December 9, 2019.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Charles R. Lawrence III was conducted by Larry Crowe on December 9, 2019, in Honolulu, Hawaii, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Law professor Charles R. Lawrence III (1943- ) has served as Centennial University Professor and professor of law at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa William S. Richardson School of Law since 2008. He has held tenured positions at the University of San Francisco School of Law, Stanford Law School, and Georgetown University Law Center.

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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.

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## Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

### Persons:

Lawrence, Charles, 1943-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Lawrence, Charles, 1943---Interviews

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## Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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## Occupations:

Lawyer

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

LawMakers

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## 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).

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## 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.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Charles R. Lawrence III, Section A2019\_135\_001\_001, TRT: 1:30:11 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Charles R. Lawrence III, Section A2019\_135\_001\_002, TRT: 2:30:01 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Charles R. Lawrence III, Section A2019\_135\_001\_003, TRT: 3:32:18 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Charles R. Lawrence III, Section A2019\_135\_001\_004, TRT: 4:30:34 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Charles R. Lawrence III, Section A2019\_135\_001\_005, TRT: 5:34:00 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Charles R. Lawrence III, Section A2019\_135\_001\_006, TRT: 6:31:37 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Charles R. Lawrence III, Section A2019\_135\_001\_007, TRT: 7:33:18 ?