Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers ® Video Oral History with Gregory White

Overview of the Collection

Repository: The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616

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Creator: White, Gregory Alvin, 1963-

Title: The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Gregory White,

Dates: November 3, 2021

Bulk Dates: 2021

Physical Description: 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:36:15).

Abstract: Charter school network president Gregory A. White (1963 -) became the first president

and CEO of LEARN Charter Schools, in Chicago, Illinois, in 2008. White was

interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on November 3, 2021, in Chicago, Illinois. This

collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.

Identification: A2021 012

Language: The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Charter school network president Gregory A. White was born on October 18, 1963, in Baltimore, Maryland, to Gertrude White and Jerome White. He graduated in 1981 from the Park School of Baltimore, in Brooklandville, Maryland, and received his B.A. degree in economics and development studies in 1985 from Brown University, in Providence, Rhode Island, and his M.B.A. degree in general management in 1990 from Harvard Business School, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

White began his career as an assistant field officer at the Enterprise Foundation in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1985. In 1986, he became an assistant research analyst at the Rouse Company in Baltimore. After business school, White moved to Chicago and became an account officer at Continental Bank in 1990 and a fixed income salesman at Salomon Brothers in 1993. White founded Corporate Advisory Services in 1995 and served as its president for eleven years. In 1998, White co-founded Chicago Venture Partners, L.P., and served as a partner for eight years. From 2003 to 2013, White served as an adjunct professor in the entrepreneurship program and the Department of Finance at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, in Evanston, Illinois. In 2006, White became vice president of strategy and operations at the Chicago Community Trust. In 2008, White became the first president and CEO of LEARN Charter Schools, in Chicago, Illinois.

White has served on the boards of LEARN Charter Schools, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, Beacon Academy, the Park School of Baltimore, Christ The King High School, National Louis University, Lakefront Supportive Housing, and the Chicago Transit Authority Citizens Advisory Board.

White has been a recipient of the Pahara-Aspen Education Fellowship and a Broad Academy fellowship in urban public education.

White and his wife, Leslie Davis, live in Chicago, Illinois. They have two children: Chad White and Cameron White.

Gregory A. White was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on November 3, 2021.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Gregory White was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on November 3, 2021, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Charter school network president Gregory A. White (1963 -) became the first president and CEO of LEARN Charter Schools, in Chicago, Illinois, in 2008.

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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:

White, Gregory Alvin, 1963-

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews White, Gregory Alvin, 1963---Interviews

Organizations:

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Education Chief Executive

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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

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Video Oral History Interview with Gregory White, Section A2021_012_001_004, TRT: 4:30:58?

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