Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Michael J. Barber

Overview of the Collection

Repository: The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616
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Creator: Barber, Michael John, 1960-
Title: The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Michael J. Barber,
Dates: January 23, 2022
Bulk Dates: 2022
Physical Description: 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:25:43).
Abstract: Corporate executive and engineer Michael J. Barber (1960 - ) worked at GE for forty years, becoming vice president of molecular imaging in 2012, chief engineer of GE Healthcare and COO of GE Healthcare Systems in 2013, president and CEO of molecular imaging and computed tomography in 2016, and chief diversity officer of GE in 2020. He retired in 2022. Barber was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on January 23, 2022, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification: A2022_001
Language: The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Corporate executive and engineer Michael J. Barber was born September 16, 1960, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Rozena and John Barber. He received his B.S. degree in electrical engineering in 1982 from the Milwaukee School of Engineering.


In 2014, Barber, Virgis Colbert, Valerie Daniels-Carter, Charles Harvey, and Cory Nettles formed Partners for Community Impact and acquired a minority ownership stake in the Milwaukee Bucks NBA team. Barber has served on the boards of the Milwaukee School of Engineering, the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, Talix, and Catalent Pharma Solutions. Barber and his wife, Jacqueline Herd-Barber, along with Keith
Crawford and Perry Bishop, co-founded the Milwaukee School of Engineering’s chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers in 1980.

Barber holds an honorary doctorate in engineering from the Milwaukee School of Engineering. He was named a Black Enterprise Master of Innovation in 2009 and elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering in 2014.

Barber and his wife, Jacqueline Herd-Barber, live in Mequon, Wisconsin. They have two children, Lauren and Justin.

Michael J. Barber was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on January 24, 2022.

**Scope and Content**

This life oral history interview with Michael J. Barber was conducted by Larry Crowe on January 23, 2022, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Corporate executive and engineer Michael J. Barber (1960 - ) worked at GE for forty years, becoming vice president of molecular imaging in 2012, chief engineer of GE Healthcare and COO of GE Healthcare Systems in 2013, president and CEO of molecular imaging and computed tomography in 2016, and chief diversity officer of GE in 2020. He retired in 2022.

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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:**

Barber, Michael John, 1960-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)
Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Barber, Michael John, 1960---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

GE

Occupations:

Engineer

HistoryMakers® Category:

ScienceMakers

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 Michael J. Barber, Section A2022_001_001_001, TRT: 1:29:58

Video Oral History Interview with Michael J. Barber, Section A2022_001_001_002, TRT: 2:31:59

Video Oral History Interview with Michael J. Barber, Section A2022_001_001_003, TRT: 3:30:14

Video Oral History Interview with Michael J. Barber, Section A2022_001_001_004, TRT: 4:29:49

Video Oral History Interview with Michael J. Barber, Section A2022_001_001_005, TRT: 5:31:25

Video Oral History Interview with Michael J. Barber, Section A2022_001_001_006, TRT: 6:29:03

Video Oral History Interview with Michael J. Barber, Section A2022_001_001_007, TRT: 7:23:15