

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Anita Hill

Overview of the Collection

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Creator:	Hill, Anita
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Anita Hill,
Dates:	April 21, 2022
Bulk Dates:	2022
Physical Description:	4 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:26:01).
Abstract:	Lawyer and professor Anita Hill (1956 -) is University Professor of Social Policy, Law, and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Brandeis University and a noted speaker and writer on race and women's rights. Hill was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 21, 2022, in Waltham, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2022_042
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Lawyer and professor Anita Hill was born on July 30, 1956 in Lone Tree, Oklahoma to Erma and Albert Hill. She received her B.A. degree in psychology in 1977 from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and her J.D. degree in 1980 from Yale Law School in New Haven, Connecticut.

Hill began her law career as an associate at the Washington, D.C., law firm of Wald, Harkrader & Ross in 1980. In 1981, she worked as an attorney-advisor to the assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, and then, in 1982, for the chairman of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. In 1983, Hill was hired as an assistant professor at the O. W. Coburn School of Law at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Then in 1986, she moved to the University of Oklahoma College of Law, where she taught commercial law and contracts for ten years. During that time, Hill provided testimony in 1991 before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee for the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1997, Hill accepted a position as a visiting scholar at the University of California, Berkeley. Then, in 1998, she joined the faculty of Brandeis University, in Waltham, Massachusetts, where she has taught African and Afro-American Studies, Legal Studies, Social Policy and Management, and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, becoming University Professor in 2015. In 2011, she became of counsel to the Boston law firm of Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll. Hill became chair of the Hollywood Commission and inaugurated the Gender/Race Imperative at MIT in 2017.

Hill is the author of *Speaking Truth to Power* (1997), *Reimagining Equality: Stories of Gender, Race and Finding Home* (2011), and *Believing: Our Thirty-Year Journey to End Gender Violence* (2021). She also co-edited *Race, Gender and Power in America: The Legacy of the Hill-Thomas Hearing* (1995), with Emma Coleman Jordan. Hill is the subject of the book *Strange Justice: The Selling of Clarence Thomas* (1994) and the films *Strange Justice* (1999), *Anita: Speaking Truth to Power* (2013), and *Confirmation* (2016). She has frequently spoken about race and women's rights and been a frequent contributor to publications focused on the issues of national and

international commercial law as well as bankruptcy and civil rights.

Hill was selected as a Fletcher Foundation Fellow in 2005, received the Louis P. and Evelyn Smith First Amendment Award from the Ford Hall Forum in 2008, and received the UC Merced Alice and Clifford Spendlove Prize in Social Justice, Diplomacy and Tolerance in 2016. She holds honorary degrees from Simmons University, Dillard University, Smith College, Lasell University, the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Mount Ida College, Emerson College, Wesleyan University, and Lesley University. Hill became an American Bar Foundation Fellow in 2019 and was named one of the most influential women of the century by *Time* magazine and was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2020.

Hill lives in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Anita Hill was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on April 21, 2022.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Anita Hill was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on April 21, 2022, in Waltham, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 4 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Lawyer and professor Anita Hill (1956 -) is University Professor of Social Policy, Law, and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Brandeis University and a noted speaker and writer on race and women's rights.

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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:

Hill, Anita

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Hill, Anita--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Lawyer

HistoryMakers® Category:

LawMakers

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 Anita Hill, Section A2022_042_001_001, TRT: 1:31:15 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anita Hill, Section A2022_042_001_002, TRT: 2:31:01 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anita Hill, Section A2022_042_001_003, TRT: 3:29:27 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anita Hill, Section A2022_042_001_004, TRT: 4:54:18 ?