

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with E. LaBrent Chrite

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Chrite, Elrie LaBrent, 1961-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with E. LaBrent Chrite,
Dates:	April 22, 2022
Bulk Dates:	2022
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:21:01).
Abstract:	University president E. LaBrent Chrite (1961 -) became the ninth president, and first African American president, of Bentley University in 2021, after serving as president of Bethune-Cookman University and as the first African American dean of the University of Denver's Daniels College of Business. Chrite was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 22, 2022, in Waltham, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2022_043
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

University president E. LaBrent Chrite was born on April 12, 1961, in Detroit, Michigan, to Betty Williams and Elrie Chrite. With his B.A. degree in liberal studies from Michigan State University, in Lansing, Michigan, in 1983, Chrite went on to receive his M.S. degree in public health in 1985 from the University of Missouri-Columbia, in Columbia, Missouri, and his Ph.D. degree in education and management in 1996 from the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

From 1985 to 1988, Chrite held various health care administrative roles at the Sisters of Mercy Health System. In 1990, he joined Rathnoor Company as a health care consultant, and, from 1990 to 1992, he served as an assistant vice president at the University of Michigan Hospitals. In 1992, Chrite became managing director of the African Business Development Corps at the University of Michigan's Ross Business School. In 1998, after receiving his Ph.D. degree, Chrite became managing director of the William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan's Ross Business School. That same year, he traveled to Rwanda with the World Bank. In 2003, Chrite became associate dean and Gemelli Faculty Fellow at the Eller School of Management at the University of Arizona, in Tucson, Arizona. In 2010, he was appointed dean and professor of management and international business at Montclair State University's Feliciano School of Business, in Montclair, New Jersey. In 2014, Chrite became the first African American dean of the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver, in Denver, Colorado. From 2016 to 2019, he led an initiative in partnership with the U.S. Department of State to strengthen workforce development efforts in Afghanistan. In 2019, Chrite became president of Bethune-Cookman University, in Daytona Beach, Florida, and then in 2021, Chrite was hired as the ninth president of Bentley University, in Waltham, Massachusetts, becoming its first African American president.

Chrite served as board chair of the Tucson Urban League from 2005 to 2009, on the board of Junior Achievement from 2010 to 2014, and has served on the board of Gordon Food Service since 2017. He is a member of Alpha Phi

Alpha Fraternity as well as Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (the Boule).

Chrite received the Educational Opportunity Fund Award from the Educational Opportunity Fund at Montclair State University in 2014, the Champion Recognition Award from Herat University, in Afghanistan, in 2016, the Central Florida Leadership Award from the Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi and Recognition by the Daniels Executive Advisory Board for Leadership and Service to the College from the Daniels College of Business in 2019, and an award from Duval/Nassau County, Florida, and the Leadership Recognition Award from Alpha Phi Alpha in 2020.

Chrite and his wife, Phyllis Chrite, live in Waltham, Massachusetts. They have three children, Elrie, Adriana, and Jordan.

E. LaBrent Chrite was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on April 22, 2022.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with E. LaBrent Chrite was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on April 22, 2022, in Waltham, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. University president E. LaBrent Chrite (1961 -) became the ninth president, and first African American president, of Bentley University in 2021, after serving as president of Bethune-Cookman University and as the first African American dean of the University of Denver's Daniels College of Business.

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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:

Chrite, Elrie LaBrent, 1961-

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Chrite, Elrie LaBrent, 1961---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Bentley University

Occupations:

University President

Business School Dean

HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers|EducationMakers

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

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