

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Andrew Billingsley

Overview of the Collection

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Creator:	Billingsley, Andrew
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Andrew Billingsley,
Dates:	May 12, 2022
Bulk Dates:	2022
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:26:35).
Abstract:	Professor Andrew Billingsley (1926 -) served as the eighth president of Morgan State University from 1975 to 1985. Billingsley, a renowned sociologist, also held faculty and administrative roles at the University of California, Berkeley; Howard University; the University of Maryland, College Park; and the University of South Carolina. Billingsley was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on May 12, 2022, in Washington, District of Columbia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2022_054
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Professor Andrew Billingsley was born on March 20, 1926 in Marion, Alabama to Lucy and Silas Billingsley. After serving in the Army, Billingsley attended Hampton Institute in Hampton, Virginia from 1947 to 1949 before transferring to Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, where he received his B.A. degree in political science in 1951. Billingsley received his M.S.W. degree from Boston University in 1956 and his M.A. degree in sociology from the University of Michigan in 1960. He graduated from Brandeis University in 1964 with his Ph.D. degree in social policy and research. Billingsley was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Ghana from 1997 to 1998.

After working for the American Friends Service Committee in Chicago, the Wisconsin Department of Public Welfare, and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Billingsley joined the faculty of the University of California, Berkeley in 1964, where he was named assistant chancellor for academic affairs in 1969. In 1970, Billingsley was hired as the provost of Howard University. In 1975, he was inaugurated as the eighth president of Morgan State College (later Morgan State University) in Baltimore, Maryland and helped the school achieve university status during his ten-year tenure. Billingsley then was hired by the University of Maryland, College Park in 1985 as a senior-level sociologist, eventually becoming chair of family studies. In 1996, Billingsley joined the Institute for Families in Society at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina as a visiting scholar, subsequently becoming a distinguished and emeritus professor. Billingsley retired in 2010.

Billingsley is the author of numerous books including *Black Families in White America* (1968), *Children of the Storm: Black Children and American Child Welfare* (1972), *Climbing Jacob's Ladder: The Enduring Legacy of African-American Families* (1993), and *Mighty Like a River: The Black Church and Social Reform* (1999).

Billingsley has served on several boards including as chair of the research advisory committee of the National

Urban League, chair of the advisory committee of the Male Youth Project at the Shiloh Family Life Center in Washington, D.C., co-chair of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS: Children's Project, and a board member of the Brookland Foundation, the Florence Heller School for Advanced Studies in Social Welfare at Brandeis University, the Africa-America Institute, and the Foundation for Child Development.

Billingsley is the recipient of numerous honors and awards including honorary degrees from Mercy College, Grinnell College, and the University of South Carolina; the Citizenship Award from the South Carolina State Legislature; the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education; and the Distinguished Scholar Award from the Association of Black Sociologists. The Billingsley Fellowship was established in his honor at Morgan State University in 1984 and the Andrew Billingsley Forum and Endowed Fellowship was established in his honor at the University of Maryland in 1998.

Billingsley lives in Washington, D.C. He was married to Amy Tate Billingsley for nearly 40 years, with whom he had two daughters, Angela Billingsley and Bonita Billingsley Harris, and three granddaughters.

Andrew Billingsley was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on May 12, 2022.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Andrew Billingsley was conducted by Larry Crowe on May 12, 2022, in Washington, District of Columbia, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Professor Andrew Billingsley (1926 -) served as the eighth president of Morgan State University from 1975 to 1985. Billingsley, a renowned sociologist, also held faculty and administrative roles at the University of California, Berkeley; Howard University; the University of Maryland, College Park; and the University of South Carolina.

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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:

Billingsley, Andrew

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Billingsley, Andrew--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Morgan State University

Occupations:

Sociology Professor

HistoryMakers® Category:

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

Video Oral History Interview with Andrew Billingsley, Section A2022_054_001_001, TRT: 1:28:50 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Andrew Billingsley, Section A2022_054_001_002, TRT: 2:31:56 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Andrew Billingsley, Section A2022_054_001_003, TRT: 3:29:36 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Andrew Billingsley, Section A2022_054_001_004, TRT: 4:30:41 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Andrew Billingsley, Section A2022_054_001_005, TRT: 5:30:25 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Andrew Billingsley, Section A2022_054_001_006, TRT: 6:31:24 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Andrew Billingsley, Section A2022_054_001_007, TRT: 7:28:50 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Andrew Billingsley, Section A2022_054_001_008, TRT: 8:32:24 ?

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