

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Patricia A. Edwards

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Edwards, Patricia A. (Patricia Ann), 1949-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Patricia A. Edwards,
Dates:	March 19, 2022
Bulk Dates:	2022
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:11:28).
Abstract:	Professor Patricia A. Edwards (1949 -) is a distinguished professor in the Department of Teacher Education at Michigan State University. She served as president of the Literary Research Association from 2006 to 2007 and president of the International Literacy Association from 2010 to 2011. Edwards was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 19, 2022, in Lansing, Michigan. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2022_028
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Professor Patricia A. Edwards was born on December 4, 1949, in Albany, Georgia, to Annie Kate and John Edwards. She received her B.S. degree in elementary education in 1970 from Albany State University in Albany, Georgia; her M.S. degree in elementary education in 1971 from North Carolina A & T University in Greensboro, North Carolina; her Ed.S. degree in reading education in 1976 from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina; and her Ph.D. degree in reading education in 1979 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

In 1971, Edwards became the assistant director of admissions at North Carolina Central University, in Durham, North Carolina. The following year, she was hired as the coordinator of the University's Pre-Student Teaching Program. After receiving her Ph.D. degree, Edwards was hired as an assistant professor at Grambling State University in 1979, Louisiana Tech University in 1983, and Louisiana State University in 1986. Edwards spent 1988 to 1989 as a senior researcher at the Center for the Study of Reading at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. In 1989, she was hired as an associate professor in the Teacher Education Department at Michigan State University, in East Lansing, Michigan. Edwards was promoted to full professor at Michigan State University in 1994 and to distinguished professor there in 2001.

Edwards was selected in 2007 by the U.S. Department of Education to serve as part of the National Institute for Literacy. She also has written and edited several academic publications on literacy, including *Change is Gonna Come: Transforming Literacy Education for African American Children* in 2010, which won the 2011 Edward B. Fry Book Award. Her 2016 book, *New Ways to Engage Parents: Strategies and Tools for Teachers and Leaders*, won the 2017 Delta Kappa Gamma Educators Book Award. named as the 2017-2018 Jeanne S. Chall Visiting Researcher at Harvard Graduate School of Education. Edwards has been involved in numerous organization during her career, including serving as a founding board member of Your Child in 2007. She also served as a member of the board of the International Literacy Association from 1998 to 2001, as the first African American president of

the Literacy Research Association from 2006 to 2007, and as president of the International Literacy Association from 2010 to 2011. She joined the board of the American Educational Research Association's Family, School, and Community Partnerships interest group in 2014 and was elected its chair in 2016.

Edwards received the AERA Scholars of Color Distinguished Career Contribution Award in 2019 and was appointed to the Michigan PreK-12 Literacy Commission and received the Oscar S. Causey Award from the Literacy Research Association in 2020.

Edwards resides in Lansing, Michigan.

Patricia A. Edwards was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 19, 2022.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Patricia A. Edwards was conducted by Larry Crowe on March 19, 2022, in Lansing, Michigan, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Professor Patricia A. Edwards (1949 -) is a distinguished professor in the Department of Teacher Education at Michigan State University. She served as president of the Literacy Research Association from 2006 to 2007 and president of the International Literacy Association from 2010 to 2011.

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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:

Edwards, Patricia A. (Patricia Ann), 1949-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Edwards, Patricia A. (Patricia Ann), 1949---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Michigan State University

Occupations:

Education 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 Patricia A. Edwards, Section A2022_028_001_001, TRT: 1:28:47 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Patricia A. Edwards, Section A2022_028_001_002, TRT: 2:23:10 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Patricia A. Edwards, Section A2022_028_001_003, TRT: 3:29:23 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Patricia A. Edwards, Section A2022_028_001_004, TRT: 4:29:00 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Patricia A. Edwards, Section A2022_028_001_005, TRT: 5:29:35 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Patricia A. Edwards, Section A2022_028_001_006, TRT: 6:29:08 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Patricia A. Edwards, Section A2022_028_001_007, TRT: 7:31:06 ?

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