

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Warren Goins

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## Overview of the Collection

<b>Repository:</b>	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
<b>Creator:</b>	Goins, Warren, 1938-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Warren Goins,
<b>Dates:</b>	October 21, 2013
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2013
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:42:21).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Physician Dr. Warren Goins (1938 - ) was a physician for over fifty years. He and his wife, Charlynn Goins, were well-known New York philanthropists who owned an important collection of nineteenth-century African American art. Goins was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on October 21, 2013, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2013_276
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Physician Warren Goins was born on March 28, 1938 in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from Lincoln University with his A.B. degree in chemistry in 1959. Inspired by his own physician, Dr. Aurelious King, Goins went on to attend Howard University's College of Medicine. While he was on partial academic scholarships, Goins later found out that Dr. King was paying the balance of his tuition. He went on to graduate from the Howard University College of Medicine with his M.D. degree in 1963.

In 1963 and 1964, Goins interned at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn. Then, from 1964 to 1967, he served as a captain in the United States Air Force, stationed in Wethersfield, England. Upon his return in 1967, Goins became a resident in internal medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center, where he then became a fellow in cardiovascular disease in 1969. Goins also served a fellowship at the Manhattan V.A. Hospital from 1970 until 1971. He went on to practice internal medicine with Preferred Health Partners at the Bedford Williamsburg Center in Brooklyn.

Goins and his wife, Charlynn Goins, have worked together in many philanthropic endeavors, helping organizations such as Boys and Girls Harbor, A Better Chance, the Gracie Mansion Conservancy, and the Brooklyn Museum, among others. In 2010, they made fractional gifts from their private collection of celebrated paintings by artists Robert S. Duncanson and Charles Ethan Porter to the Brooklyn Museum's collecting initiative that focused on the acquisition of works by African American artists. Goins' medical group has received many awards and honors for their work in the medical field, including the National Committee for Quality Assurance's Physician Practice Connections Recognition Program in 2011, 2012 and 2013; and the National Committee for Quality Assurance's Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition Program in 2011, 2012 and 2013. Goins also received an award from the National Committee for Quality Assurance's Diabetes Recognition Program in 2012.

Goins lives with his wife, Charlynn, in New York. They have two children: Hilary and Jeffrey, and four

grandchildren.

Warren Goins was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on October 21, 2013.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Dr. Warren Goins was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on October 21, 2013, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 6 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Physician Dr. Warren Goins (1938 - ) was a physician for over fifty years. He and his wife, Charlynn Goins, were well-known New York philanthropists who owned an important collection of nineteenth-century African American art.

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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.

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## Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

### Persons:

Goins, Warren, 1938-

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Goins, Warren, 1938- --Interviews

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## Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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## Occupations:

Physician

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

MedicalMakers

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## 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).

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## 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.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Warren Goins, Section A2013\_276\_001\_001, TRT: 1:30:04  
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Dr. Warren Goins was born on March 28, 1938 in New York City to Ernestine Matthews Goins and Jephther Goins. His maternal great-grandmother, Ellen

Morton, was born in Virginia and had Irish and Native American heritage. She moved to New York City, where Goins' maternal grandmother, Nancy Morton Matthews, was born. Goins' paternal family descended from the Melungeon people, a group of mixed race families that originated in Central Appalachia. His father was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina to Grace Goins and Major Goins. At fourteen years old, he went to live with his older sister, Carrie Goins, in New York City's Harlem neighborhood. There, he met and married Goins' mother, and worked at the post office and as a window cleaner. Goins and his younger sister, Nancy Matthews, grew up in a housing project called the Queensbridge Houses, and attended P.S. 83 in Queens, New York. Goins aspired to become a physician from an early age because of the influence of Dr. Aurelius King, who was a family friend.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Warren Goins, Section A2013\_276\_001\_002, TRT: 2:32:57  
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Dr. Warren Goins grew up in Queens, New York, where he began his education at P.S. 83. He was accepted to Stuyvesant High School, where the student body was predominantly Jewish. There, Goins played basketball and befriended future professor Stuart Taylor and business executive E. T. Williams. He also joined the Brooklyn chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Upon graduating from Stuyvesant High School, Goins enrolled at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, where his classmates included New York City natives Christopher Chisholm, Max Robinson, Conrad Pope and Mark Parks, Jr. He joined the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and was elected class president as well as vice president of the student body. After graduation, Goins enrolled at the Howard University College of Medicine, where he became acquainted with surgeon Jack E. White, Dr. Marvin Shelton and Dr. Harold Freeman. Goins also recalls meeting his wife, Charlynn Goins, at a party hosted by Toni Parks-Parsons, the daughter of artist Gordon Parks.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Warren Goins, Section A2013\_276\_001\_003, TRT: 3:30:34  
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Dr. Warren Goins studied internal medicine and cardiology at the Howard University College of Medicine. During his final year, he married Charlynn Goins. After graduating, Goins completed a one-year medical internship at Maimonides Hospital in Brooklyn, New York. During this time, he worked 120 hours per week, and often slept at the hospital. In 1964, Goins was drafted into the U.S. Army and stationed in Wethersfield, England. While in Europe, his daughter, Hilary Van Kleeck, was born. Goins returned to the United States in 1967, and completed a three-year residency in internal medicine and cardiology at the Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, New York. He spent an additional year studying cardiology at the Manhattan Veterans Administration Hospital, and then joined Dr. Aurelius King's office, which was part of the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York, Inc. (HIP). Goins later obtained a board certification in internal medicine, and offered cardiology consultations to other African American doctors.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Warren Goins, Section A2013\_276\_001\_004, TRT: 4:29:56  
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Dr. Warren Goins moved with his family to New Rochelle, New York in 1969. Two years later, he began working with Dr. Aurelius King as an internist at AdvantageCare Physicians in New York City, which was associated with the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York, Inc. (HIP). He became partner of the medical office in 1973; and, that same year, his wife, Charlynn Goins, enrolled at the Columbia Law School. Upon graduating, she joined the law

offices of Proskauer, Rose, Goetz and Mendelsohn. At this point in the interview, Goins talks about the women's movement of the 1970s, and the female executives with whom he became acquainted, such as lawyers Kathryn Chenault, Jonelle Procope and Sandra Williams-Cornwell. In 1990, Goins became the chief of medicine at AdvantageCare Physicians, and continued to work with HIP. His medical group included 40 partners and 180 doctors at 8 centers throughout Brooklyn, and generated \$62 million in profits.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Warren Goins, Section A2013\_276\_001\_005, TRT: 5:28:34  
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Dr. Warren Goins worked as an internist until being promoted to chief of medicine at AdvantageCare Physicians in New York City. In this role, he continued to care for patients, and handled internal administrative matters such as billing. At this point in the interview, Goins shares his views on the future of medicine, and his concerns about the diminishing numbers of primary care physicians. In 1987, Goins and his wife, Charlynn Goins, began collecting African American art. To learn more about each piece, they subscribed to periodicals like ARTnews, The Newtown Bee and Maine Antique Digest, and read books by Alain Locke and James A. Porter. Their collection focused primarily on painters who were born from 1850 to 1900, like Robert Duncanson, Charles Ethan Porter, Henry Ossawa Tanner and William A. Harper. They often lent their paintings to museums like the Brooklyn Museum in New York City and the New Britain Museum of American Art in New Britain, Connecticut. Goins also reflects upon his life.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Warren Goins, Section A2013\_276\_001\_006, TRT: 6:10:16  
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Dr. Warren Goins describes his hopes and concerns for African American physicians and the African American community at large. He concludes the interview by reflecting upon his legacy and how he would like to be remembered.