

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Ozier Muhammad

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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>	Muhammad, Ozier, 1950-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Ozier Muhammad,
<b>Dates:</b>	August 15, 2014
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2014
<b>Physical Description:</b>	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:41:17).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Photojournalist Ozier Muhammad (1950 - ) was a Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer for The New York Times. Muhammad was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 15, 2014, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2014_223
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Photojournalist Ozier Muhammad was born in 1950. His grandfather was Elijah Muhammad, a founder and leader of the Nation of Islam. Muhammad was raised in Chicago, Illinois and received his B.A. degree in photography from Columbia College Chicago in 1972.

Muhammad was first hired as a photographer for *Ebony* magazine in the early 1970s. He then worked at *The Charlotte Observer* from 1978 to 1980, and at *Newsday* from 1980 to 1992. While at *Newsday*, he shared the 1985 Pulitzer Prize in International Reporting with Josh Friedman and Dennis Bell, for a series of reports titled “Africa, The Desperate Continent.” In 1992, Muhammad was hired as a staff photographer for *The New York Times*, where he took iconic photographs of President Barack Obama’s campaign, Haiti after the earthquake, New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and the Nato Protest in Chicago. He has also written articles for the *The New York Times* photojournalism blog “Lens.” Muhammad was selected as a contributing photographer for the 1990 *Songs of My People*, a book, exhibition and multimedia project that attempted to record African American life through the eyes of prominent African American photographers. In addition, his photography was showcased in the 2000 book, *One Hundred Jobs: A Panorama of Work in the American City*, by Ron Howell.

Besides winning the Pulitzer Prize, Muhammad received the George Polk Award for News Photography in 1984, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from Columbia College Chicago in 1998. He served as a Knight Journalism Fellow at Stanford University from 1986 to 1987, and a Peter Jennings Fellow at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia in 2007.

Muhammad lives in New York City, and is the father of two children. His son, Khalil, is the Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in New York City. His daughter, Pilar, is in high school.

Ozier Muhammad was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on April 9, 2014.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Ozier Muhammad was conducted by Harriette Cole on August 15, 2014, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Photojournalist Ozier Muhammad (1950 - ) was a Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer for The New York Times.

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## Restrictions

### Restrictions on Access

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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.

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## Controlled Access Terms

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

### Persons:

Muhammad, Ozier, 1950-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Muhammad, Ozier, 1950---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:

Photojournalist

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

MediaMakers

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## 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

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Ozier Muhammad, August 15, 2014. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

### 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 Ozier Muhammad, Section A2014\_223\_001\_001, TRT: 1:29:06  
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Video Oral History Interview with Ozier Muhammad, Section A2014\_223\_001\_002, TRT: 2:27:21  
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Video Oral History Interview with Ozier Muhammad, Section A2014\_223\_001\_003, TRT: 3:28:23  
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Video Oral History Interview with Ozier Muhammad, Section A2014\_223\_001\_004, TRT: 4:29:40  
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Video Oral History Interview with Ozier Muhammad, Section A2014\_223\_001\_005, TRT: 5:30:13  
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Video Oral History Interview with Ozier Muhammad, Section A2014\_223\_001\_006, TRT: 6:28:34  
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Video Oral History Interview with Ozier Muhammad, Section A2014\_223\_001\_007, TRT: 7:29:16  
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Video Oral History Interview with Ozier Muhammad, Section A2014\_223\_001\_008, TRT: 8:18:44  
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