

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Lloyd Dean

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Dean, Lloyd, 1950-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Lloyd Dean,
Dates:	December 18, 2015
Bulk Dates:	2015
Physical Description:	2 uncompressed MOV digital video files (1:02:38).
Abstract:	Chief executive officer and chief executive officer Lloyd Dean (1950 -) served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Dignity Health, the fifth largest healthcare system in the U.S., starting in June 2000. Dean was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on December 18, 2015, in San Francisco, California. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2015_010
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Chief executive officer Lloyd Dean was born in Alabama on June 24, 1950 to Susie Tripp Dean, a homemaker, and Floyd Dean, Sr., a foundry worker. Dean grew up in Muskegon, Michigan. In 1969, he enrolled at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he earned his B.S. degree in sociology, and his M.A. degree in education. Dean then went on to graduate from Pennsylvania State University's Executive Management program.

Between 1972 and 1978, Dean worked as a junior high school teacher and paralegal assistant. He taught communications courses at Western Michigan University, and served as a news anchor for WOTV in Battle Creek, Michigan. In 1978, he met a pharmaceutical executive named Lawrence Hoff, who recruited him to work at his company, Upjohn. Dean worked at Upjohn Company, where he rose from assistant regional manager in the health care services division to Executive Vice President of Marketing and Operations, until 1990. He then moved to Illinois, where he worked at Consumer Health Service, EHS Healthcare, and Advocate Healthcare. In 2000, he was recruited to join Catholic Healthcare West, now known as Dignity Health, where he served as president and chief executive officer.

Dean served on the boards of Wells Fargo & Company, McDonald's Corp., Navigant Consulting Inc, and Cytori Therapeutics, Inc.. He was also the board chair for the Committee on JOBS, an organization that brings employment to the San Francisco Bay area.

Dean has been a strong supporter of the Affordable Care Act. He was a 2014 recipient of the CEO Humanitarian of the Year Award from the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter. In 2014, Dean was also named among the Top 25 Minority Executives in Healthcare by *Modern Healthcare*. He was recognized by the San Francisco Business Times for Excellence in Leadership and received multiple awards from 100 Black Men of the Bay Area, Inc. Dean also received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the University of San Francisco.

Dean lives in Half Moon Bay, California with his wife, Suzanne Dean. They have two children, Nathan and Nicole.

Lloyd Dean was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on December 18, 2015.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Lloyd Dean was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on December 18, 2015, in San Francisco, California, and was recorded on 2 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Chief executive officer and chief executive officer Lloyd Dean (1950 -) served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Dignity Health, the fifth largest healthcare system in the U.S., starting in June 2000.

Restrictions

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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:

Dean, Lloyd, 1950-

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Dean, Lloyd, 1950- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Executive Officer

HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers|MedicalMakers

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).

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 Lloyd Dean, Section A2015_010_001_001, TRT: 1:30:41 ?

Lloyd Dean was born on June 24, 1950 in Montgomery, Alabama to Susie Trip Dean and Floyd Dean, Sr. His maternal great-grandmother migrated from Montgomery to Panama City, Florida, where his maternal grandmother, Amanda Trip, was born, worked as a housekeeper and raised her children, including Dean's mother. Dean's father was born in 1933 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He served in the U.S. Air Force, and met Dean's mother at a dance while stationed near Panama City. When Dean was two years old, his parents relocated to Muskegon, Michigan in search of work. There, his father worked in factories, and suffered from alcoholism, black lung disease and emphysema as a result. Dean was second oldest of nine children, and grew up in the small town of Twin Lake, Michigan. He played the piano at Calvary Baptist Church, and excelled as a student in the Whitehall District Schools, and was elected president of the student council, despite bullying from his classmates.

Video Oral History Interview with Lloyd Dean, Section A2015_010_001_002, TRT: 2:31:57 ?

Lloyd Dean enrolled at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan, after graduating from high school in 1968. Upon moving to campus, he decided to room with a friend who was white, and was harassed by his black classmates for refusing to move to the majority black dormitory. In spite of these challenges, Dean was elected president of the student body, and graduated with a degree in sociology in 1972. He then completed a master's degree while also working as a paralegal assistant, janitor and morning news anchor for WOTV. Impressed by his various leadership roles at Western Michigan University, Lawrence C. Hoff offered Dean a position at the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Company, which he initially rejected to continue teaching in the Kalamazoo Public Schools. However, Professor Charles Warfield convinced him to take the position. Dean later became the youngest executive vice president to receive the W.E. Upjohn Award. He also recalls meeting his wife, Suzanne Dean, while in college.