

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with C. Lamont Smith

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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>	Smith, C. Lamont, 1956-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with C. Lamont Smith,
<b>Dates:</b>	September 23, 2016 and September 24, 2016
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2016
<b>Physical Description:</b>	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:15:10).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Talent agent C. Lamont Smith (1956 - ) was the founder and president of All Pro Sports and Entertainment and Above the Rim Management. Smith was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on September 23, 2016 and September 24, 2016, in Denver, Colorado. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2016_059
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Talent agent C. Lamont Smith was born on June 24, 1956 in Omaha, Nebraska to Yvette Wilson and Wilbur Smith. He earned his B.A. degree in communications with an emphasis in broadcast journalism from Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia, and his J.D. degree from Howard University Law School in 1984.

Following his graduation from Clark Atlanta University, Smith worked as a production assistant at WATL-TV and as an usher with the Atlanta Hawks basketball team, where he became acquainted with general manager Lewis Schaffel and player John Drew. While assisting Drew with his endorsement contracts, Smith became interested in a career as a sports agent. After graduating from Howard University, he joined the sports marketing department of the law firm Gorsuch, Kirgis, Campbell, Walker & Grover in Denver, Colorado. In 1987, Smith founded All Pro Sports and Entertainment, a management firm based out of Denver where Denver Broncos wide receiver Mark Jackson was his first client. Smith served as one of Detroit Lions' star Barry Sanders' agents for most of his career, negotiating the contract that made Sanders the highest-paid player in the NFL in 1997. Smith continued to represent Sanders until his retirement in 1999. Smith also represented NFL players Eddie George, Jerome Bettis and Trevor Pryce, who became the NFL's highest-paid defensive player in 2000. In 2005, Smith began representing wide receiver Braylon Edwards, who was that year's third overall NFL draft pick, chosen by the Cleveland Browns. Smith launched a sports management company named Above the Rim Management in 2012, where international basketball player Jamar Samuels became his first client. Also, in 2012, Smith became the president of Smith Global Staffing.

Smith was named one of the top fifty sports professionals in the country by *Black Enterprise*, and as one of the most powerful sports agents by *The New York Times*. Smith also served on the advisory board of the Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association. Smith was honored by the Black Sports Agents Association as Agent of the Year in July 2001.

C. Lamont Smith was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on September 23, 2016.

## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with C. Lamont Smith was conducted by Larry Crowe on September 23, 2016 and September 24, 2016, in Denver, Colorado, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Talent agent C. Lamont Smith (1956 - ) was the founder and president of All Pro Sports and Entertainment and Above the Rim Management.

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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:

Smith, C. Lamont, 1956-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Smith, C. Lamont, 1956- --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:

Talent Agent

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### HistoryMakers® Category:

SportsMakers

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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 C. Lamont Smith, September 23, 2016 and September 24, 2016. 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 C. Lamont Smith, Section A2016\_059\_001\_001, TRT: 1:38:21 ?

Video Oral History Interview with C. Lamont Smith, Section A2016\_059\_001\_002, TRT: 2:29:47 ?

Video Oral History Interview with C. Lamont Smith, Section A2016\_059\_001\_003, TRT: 3:29:49 ?

Video Oral History Interview with C. Lamont Smith, Section A2016\_059\_001\_004, TRT: 4:28:21 ?

Video Oral History Interview with C. Lamont Smith, Section A2016\_059\_001\_005, TRT: 5:15:36 ?

Video Oral History Interview with C. Lamont Smith, Section A2016\_059\_002\_006, TRT: 6:28:04 ?

Video Oral History Interview with C. Lamont Smith, Section A2016\_059\_002\_007, TRT: 7:16:14 ?

Video Oral History Interview with C. Lamont Smith, Section A2016\_059\_002\_008, TRT: 8:08:58 ?