

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Peter Blair Henry

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Henry, Peter Blair
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Peter Blair Henry,
Dates:	January 18, 2017 and November 29, 2016
Bulk Dates:	2016 and 2017
Physical Description:	12 uncompressed MOV digital video files (5:33:29).
Abstract:	Economist and academic administrator Peter Blair Henry (1969 -) served on President Barack Obama's 2008 transition team, and on the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. In 2010, he became the youngest and first African American dean of New York University's Leonard N. Stern School of Business. Henry was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on January 18, 2017 and November 29, 2016, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2016_088
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Economist and academic administrator Peter Blair Henry was born on July 30, 1969 in Kingston, Jamaica to George Henry and Carroll Henry. After moving to Wilmette, Illinois with his family at age nine, Henry attended New Trier High School. He earned his B.A. degree with distinction and highest honors in economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1991. A Rhodes Scholar, Henry graduated from Oxford University with his B.A. degree in mathematics in 1993, and went on to receive his Ph.D. degree in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1997.

Henry worked as a consultant to the Governor of The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank in 1994. The following year, he worked as a consultant to the Governor of the Bank of Jamaica. In 1997, Henry became an assistant professor of economics at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business. He was promoted to associate professor of economics with tenure in 2005, becoming the first tenured African American professor at the Graduate School of Business. He obtained a full professorship in 2007, and was named the Konosuke Matsushita Professor of International Economics in 2008. That same year, he led the external economic advisory group for then-Senator Barack Obama's presidential campaign. After the election, Henry served on President Obama's transition team as leader of the review of international lending agencies such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, and was appointed to the President's Commission on White House Fellowships the following year. In 2010, Henry became the first African American dean, and the youngest dean, of New York University's Leonard N. Stern School of Business. He served in the position for eight years, becoming Dean Emeritus in 2018 and continuing as William R. Berkley Professor of Economics and Finance.

In 2013, Henry released his first book, *Turnaround: Third World Lessons for First World Growth*. Henry also published numerous articles on international economics, including "Debt Relief," with Serkan Arslanalp, in the *Journal of Economic Perspectives* (2006); "Capital Account Liberalization: Theory, Evidence, and Speculation" in

the Journal of Economic Literature (2007); and “Institutions vs. Policies: A Tale of Two Islands,” with Conrad Miller, in the American Economic Review (2009). Henry was named to the Citigroup Board of Directors in 2015 and the Board of Directors of Nike in 2018. He also served on the Board of Directors of General Electric from 2016 to 2018.

In 2014, with support from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Henry established the Ph.D. Excellence Initiative, a post-baccalaureate program designed to address underrepresentation in economics by mentoring exceptional students of color interested in pursuing doctoral studies in the field.

Henry and his wife, Lisa J. Nelson, have four children.

Peter Blair Henry was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on November 29, 2016 and January 18, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Peter Blair Henry was conducted by Harriette Cole on January 18, 2017 and November 29, 2016, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 12 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Economist and academic administrator Peter Blair Henry (1969 -) served on President Barack Obama's 2008 transition team, and on the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. In 2010, he became the youngest and first African American dean of New York University's Leonard N. Stern School of Business.

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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:

Henry, Peter Blair

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Henry, Peter Blair--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Economist

Business School Dean Emeritus

HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers

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

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