

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick

Overview of the Collection

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Creator:	Frederick, Wayne A. I., 1971-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick,
Dates:	January 30, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	5 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:25:10).
Abstract:	Physician and college president Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick (1971 -) served as the provost of Howard University from 2012 to 2014, and then became Howard University's seventeenth president. Frederick was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on January 30, 2017, in Washington, District of Columbia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_012
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Physician and college president Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick was born on June 17, 1971, in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. After graduating from high school at the age of fourteen, he took pre-college courses at St. Mary's College in Port of Spain. Frederick enrolled in Howard University in 1988, at the age of sixteen. In 1994, he earned his dual B.S. degree and M.D. degree from Howard University and went on to complete his residency in general surgery at Howard University Hospital.

In 2000, Frederick was appointed as a clinical instructor in surgery at the Baylor College of Medicine in the Ben Taub General Hospital in Houston, Texas. He fulfilled his post-doctoral research and surgical oncological fellowships at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston in 2003. That same year, Frederick was named an assistant professor in the department of surgery of the University of Connecticut Health Center, where he became director of surgical oncology and associate director of the Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center in 2005. In 2006, he returned to Howard University as the associate professor in the department of surgery at Howard University Hospital. In 2012, he was named provost of Howard University and became president of Howard University in 2014.

Frederick has authored numerous research publications and editorials, as well as served as a member of a number of professional and scientific societies. These organizations include the American Association for Cancer Research, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, and the National Medical Association. He has also been a member of the Society of Black Academic Surgeons, the Society of Surgical Oncology, and served as president of the board of the Texas Gulf Sickle Cell Association from 2002 to 2003.

Frederick's work has won multiple awards and honors, including recognition from the U.S. Congress for his contributions in addressing health disparities among African Americans and historically underrepresented groups in 2014. He was named by the *Washington Post* as a "Super Doctor" in 2011, was in *Ebony Magazine's* 2010

‘Power 100’ list, and was on *Black Enterprise Magazine*’s list of America’s Best Physicians.

Wayne A.I. Frederick was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on January 30, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick was conducted by Larry Crowe on January 30, 2017, in Washington, District of Columbia, and was recorded on 5 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Physician and college president Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick (1971 -) served as the provost of Howard University from 2012 to 2014, and then became Howard University’s seventeenth president.

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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.

Controlled Access Terms

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

Persons:

Frederick, Wayne A. I., 1971-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Frederick, Wayne A. I., 1971- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Physician

College President

HistoryMakers® Category:

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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).

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 Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick, Section A2017_012_001_001, TRT: 1:30:05 ?

Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick was born on June 17, 1971 in Port of Spain, Trinidad to Frances Tyson-Hill and Alix Frederick. His maternal great-grandfather came to Trinidad from India as an indentured laborer, and later acquired his own land. Frederick's maternal grandparents, Christine Roach and the school principal and lawyer Charles Tyson, had five children, including Frederick's mother. His grandmother later married Victor Roach. Frederick's mother was raised in Chaguanas, Trinidad, and became a nurse. She married Frederick's father, a mounted policeman who grew up in Point Fortin, Trinidad. Together, they had two sons. Frederick was diagnosed at birth with sickle cell anemia. He was often hospitalized, and was expected to live only eight years. As a result of these experiences, Frederick aspired to become a physician from an early age. When he was two years old, his father died after falling from his horse, and his mother married prison guard Peter Hill.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick, Section A2017_012_001_002, TRT: 2:24:25 ?

Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick grew up in a close knit community in Port of Spain, Trinidad. He began his education at a Montessori school, and then enrolled at the Diego Martin Government Primary School, where he was encouraged by his teacher, Margaret Taylor. Frederick was often bedridden by complications of his sickle cell anemia, and developed a love of reading during that time. After completing his elementary education, he enrolled at St. Mary's College, where he focused on science and played soccer. He was selected to serve as a prefect, and excelled academically. Frederick skipped the seventh grade, and graduated from high school in 1986 at the age of fourteen years old. He continued with college preparatory courses, and was admitted into the accelerated undergraduate and medical degree program at Howard University in 1988. There, he received support from the program director, and managed the college soccer team after class.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick, Section A2017_012_001_003, TRT: 3:29:38 ?

Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick entered the Howard University College of Medicine in 1990. He was mentored by surgical oncologist Dr. LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., who encouraged him to specialize in surgery. He was also influenced by surgeon Clive Callender, who selected him to receive the Chairman's Award of Excellence and provided him with spiritual guidance. Frederick graduated with a medical degree in 1994, and began a surgical internship at the Howard University Hospital. He focused on oncology, and was named chief resident. In 1999, he began a postgraduate fellowship at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, where he was the fifth African American to join the oncological surgery staff. He remained in Houston to complete a clinical fellowship under surgeon Douglas B. Evans from 2001 to 2003. That year, Frederick joined the surgery department at the University of Connecticut Health Center. At this point, Frederick reflects upon the African American experience.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick, Section A2017_012_001_004, TRT: 4:28:56 ?

Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick joined the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut in 2003. Three years later, he was recruited by Dr. LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr. to return to Howard University Hospital, where he assisted with Dr. Leffall's final operation before retirement. In 2007, Frederick was named chief of surgery at Howard University Hospital. He also served as deputy director of the Howard University Cancer Center. In 2010, Frederick

became the associate dean of the Howard University College of Medicine. He received an M.B.A degree from the Howard University School of Business in the following year. In 2013, Howard University President Sidney A. Ribeau resigned, and Frederick agreed to serve as interim president. At this point, Frederick talks about the future of cancer treatment, and illnesses that disproportionately affect the African American community. He also describes the culture of Howard University, and talks about the challenges facing higher education institutions.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick, Section A2017_012_001_005, TRT: 5:32:06 ?

Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick became the provost of Howard University in 2012. That year, he continued performing surgical operations. In 2013, Frederick was named interim university president following the resignation of Sidney A. Ribeau. Then, Frederick was chosen as Howard University's seventeenth president upon the recommendation of a search committee led by civic leader Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. In this role, Frederick created the Center for Academic Excellence, and the Graduation and Retention Access to Continued Excellence (GRACE) program. He also improved alumni outreach and created the Bison Beat newsletter. In 2014, Frederick was mentioned in the Congressional Record for his efforts to address racial disparities in health outcomes. At this point, Frederick talks about the legacy and future of Howard University. He also reflects upon his own life and legacy, and his hopes and concerns for the African American community. Frederick concludes the interview by describing how he would like to be remembered.