Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers ® Video Oral History with Linda Caldwell Epps

Overview of the Collection

Repository: The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616

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Creator: Epps, Linda Caldwell, 1951-

Title: The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Linda Caldwell Epps,

Dates: March 31, 2017

Bulk Dates: 2017

Physical Description: 6 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:02:06).

Abstract: Academic administrator and Nonprofit executive Linda Caldwell Epps (1951 -) Epps

was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 31, 2017, in New York, New York.

This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.

Identification: A2017 081

Language: The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Academic administrator and nonprofit executive Linda Caldwell Epps was born on January 10, 1951 in Elizabeth, New Jersey. She graduated from Battin High School in Elizabeth, New Jersey in 1969, and went on to attend the State University of New Jersey, Rutgers where she received her B.A. degree in American and African American Studies in 1973. Epps later earned her M.A. degree in American Studies from Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey. She also received her Ph.D. degree in humanities from Drew University, which is located in Madison, New Jersey.

Epps began working at Bloomfield College in Bloomfield, New Jersey in 1976. Although she began as the vice president of international relations, she would hold the positions of vice president of student affairs, dean of students, and vice president of student relations during her twenty years of service with the college. In 1990, Epps became the vice president of the Foundation for New Jersey Public Broadcasting, Inc. Epps was then hired as the vice president of institutional relations at New Jersey Television and Radio in 2002, and stayed in that position until 2004, when she became the president and chief executive officer of the New Jersey Historical Society. After receiving her Ph.D. degree, Epps became the president and chief executive officer of 1804 Consultants, an organization dedicated to preserving history in New Jersey, in 2011.

Active in her community, Epps has served as a member of the Development Board of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center Theater Square, the Newark Archives Project's Board of Advisors, the New Jersey President of the National Council of Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, and has been a member of the Leadership New Jersey Fellows Organization. Epps also participated in the Institute for Higher Education Management program at Harvard University.

The recipient of many awards, Epps was honored with the Community Leadership Award from the Montclair YMCA and the Most Distinguished Award from Seton Hall University.

Epps and her husband, Mark Epps have two sons, Mark Epps III and Bryan Epps.

Linda Caldwell Epps was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 31, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Linda Caldwell Epps was conducted by Larry Crowe on March 31, 2017, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 6 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Academic administrator and Nonprofit executive Linda Caldwell Epps (1951 -)

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.

Controlled Access Terms

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

Persons:

Epps, Linda Caldwell, 1951-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews Epps, Linda Caldwell, 1951- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Nonprofit Chief Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

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 Linda Caldwell Epps, Section A2017_081_001_001, TRT: 1:29:47?

Video Oral History Interview with Linda Caldwell Epps, Section A2017_081_001_002, TRT: 2:31:11?

Video Oral History Interview with Linda Caldwell Epps, Section A2017_081_001_003, TRT: 3:28:53?

Video Oral History Interview with Linda Caldwell Epps, Section A2017_081_001_004, TRT: 4:30:36?

Video Oral History Interview with Linda Caldwell Epps, Section A2017_081_001_005, TRT: 5:31:35?

Video Oral History Interview with Linda Caldwell Epps, Section A2017_081_001_006, TRT: 6:30:04?