

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Courtney Sloane

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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>	Sloane, Courtney, 1962-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Courtney Sloane,
<b>Dates:</b>	April 14, 2017 and April 9, 2019
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2017 and 2019
<b>Physical Description:</b>	12 uncompressed MOV digital video files (5:35:10).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Interior designer Courtney Sloane (1962 - ) was a production designer for America's Next Top Model and founded Riley Stone and opened Sloan Square, a lifestyle retail showroom in Jersey City, New Jersey. Sloane was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 14, 2017 and April 9, 2019, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2017_084
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Interior designer Courtney Sloane was born on June 1, 1962 in Jersey City, New Jersey to John Sloane and Ruth A. Sloane. She graduated from St. Anthony High School in Jersey City, New Jersey in 1980 and earned her B.S. degree in marketing from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey in 1984. Sloane also took postgraduate classes in metal working at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York and in interior design at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, New York.

Sloane began her professional career as a retail merchandiser for J.C. Penny. In 1986, she began working as a specification specialist and specification representative at Formica Corporation/Fabricator Supply. She remained at Formica until 1994, during which time she founded Alternative Design in 1991. She served as the company's creative director, and handled special requests and customized projects. From 1996 to 1999, Sloane served as a contributing editor for *Essence* magazine and wrote the "By Design" column. During the 2003 season of *America's Next Top Model*, she served as a production designer. In 2005, Sloane established Project INSPIRE, a philanthropic program that created internships for high school and college students in the design industry. Sloane then founded Riley Stone, a design import company, in 2011. The following year, she began serving as a marketing manager for RS Furnishings. In addition to her interior design career in the United States, Sloane joined local artists in Costa Rica in 2013 and designed a collection of pottery. In 2015, Sloane opened her own lifestyle retail showroom boutique store, Sloan Square, in Jersey City.

Sloane became known for her design style, and her work for Queen Latifah, Sean "Puffy" Combs, Mary J. Blige, Sony Music Studio, Black Entertainment Television, and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. Sloane's work was also featured on the cover of *New York Magazine*. Sloane was named by *New York Magazine* as one of its "99 New Yorkers" and "100 Best Architects and Designers." *House Beautiful* also named her as one of the country's "Top 101 Designers" multiple times.

Courtney Sloane was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on April 14, 2017.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Courtney Sloane was conducted by Harriette Cole on April 14, 2017 and April 9, 2019, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 12 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Interior designer Courtney Sloane (1962 - ) was a production designer for America's Next Top Model and founded Riley Stone and opened Sloan Square, a lifestyle retail showroom in Jersey City, New Jersey.

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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:

Sloane, Courtney, 1962-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Sloane, Courtney, 1962- --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:

Interior Designer

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# HistoryMakers® Category:

ArtMakers

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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 Courtney Sloane, April 14, 2017 and April 9, 2019. 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 Courtney Sloane, Section A2017\_084\_001\_001, TRT: 1:29:19 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Courtney Sloane, Section A2017\_084\_001\_002, TRT: 2:27:25 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Courtney Sloane, Section A2017\_084\_001\_003, TRT: 3:27:36 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Courtney Sloane, Section A2017\_084\_001\_004, TRT: 4:27:35 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Courtney Sloane, Section A2017\_084\_001\_005, TRT: 5:30:42 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Courtney Sloane, Section A2017\_084\_001\_006, TRT: 6:28:44 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Courtney Sloane, Section A2017\_084\_001\_007, TRT: 7:27:39 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Courtney Sloane, Section A2017\_084\_002\_008, TRT: 8:29:40 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Courtney Sloane, Section A2017\_084\_002\_009, TRT: 9:27:36 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Courtney Sloane, Section A2017\_084\_002\_010, TRT: 10:29:18 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Courtney Sloane, Section A2017\_084\_002\_011, TRT: 11:29:57 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Courtney Sloane, Section A2017\_084\_002\_012, TRT: 12:19:39 ?