

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Jo Ann Jenkins

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Jenkins, Jo Ann (CEO of AARP)
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Jo Ann Jenkins,
Dates:	August 2, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:15:29).
Abstract:	Association executive Jo Ann Jenkins (1958 –) held positions as chief operating officer of the Library of Congress and president of the AARP Foundation, before becoming the chief executive officer of AARP in 2014. Jenkins was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 2, 2017, in Washington, District of Columbia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_122
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Association executive Jo Ann Jenkins was born on February 8, 1958 in Mobile, Alabama to Thelma Jenkins and Leroy Jenkins. Jenkins graduated from Theodore High School in Theodore, Alabama in 1976, and earned her B.S. degree in political science and government from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama in 1980. Jenkins also completed the executive program at Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

Jenkins began her career as an executive assistant in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1981. She then became a special assistant at the U.S. Department of Transportation in 1985, a position she held until 1987. Jenkins left the Department of Transportation, and became partner at Quality Management Services. She then joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1990 as the director of the Office of Advocacy and Enterprise. In 1994, Jenkins became chief of staff at the Library of Congress, and was later appointed as the chief operating officer in 2007. Jenkins remained at the Library of Congress until 2010, when she was named president of the AARP Foundation. Jenkins then served as chief operating officer of AARP from 2013 to 2014, and was appointed as its chief executive officer in 2014, becoming the first African American woman to assume the role. In 2016, Jenkins released her book, *Disrupt Aging: A Bold New Path to Living Your Best Life at Every Age*, which became a national bestseller.

Jenkins was named as the “Non-Profit Influencer of the Year” in 2015, as one of “Washington’s Most Influential People” in 2015 and 2016, and was on the *Non-Profit Times*’ “Power and Influence Top 50” list from 2013 through 2016. Jenkins also received the Women in Technology Leadership Award in 2010, the Director’s Award from the Peace Crops in 2014, and became a Malcolm Baldrige Fellow in 2013.

Jenkins was actively involved with the Congressional Hunger Center, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the U.S. Small Business Administration Council on Underserved Communities, Living Cities, and Caring for Military Families. She was also appointed to the board of directors for AARP Services.

Jenkins and her husband, Frank G. Jenkins, have two children, Christian and Nicole.

Jo Ann Jenkins was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on August 2, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Jo Ann Jenkins was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on August 2, 2017, in Washington, District of Columbia, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Association executive Jo Ann Jenkins (1958 –) held positions as chief operating officer of the Library of Congress and president of the AARP Foundation, before becoming the chief executive officer of AARP in 2014.

Restrictions

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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:

Jenkins, Jo Ann (CEO of AARP)

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Jenkins, Jo Ann (CEO of AARP)--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Association Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

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

Video Oral History Interview with Jo Ann Jenkins, Section A2017_122_001_001, TRT: 1:29:39 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jo Ann Jenkins, Section A2017_122_001_002, TRT: 2:32:47 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jo Ann Jenkins, Section A2017_122_001_003, TRT: 3:29:30 ?

- Video Oral History Interview with Jo Ann Jenkins, Section A2017_122_001_004, TRT: 4:27:27 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Jo Ann Jenkins, Section A2017_122_001_005, TRT: 5:28:46 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Jo Ann Jenkins, Section A2017_122_001_006, TRT: 6:30:15 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Jo Ann Jenkins, Section A2017_122_001_007, TRT: 7:17:05 ?