# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers ® Video Oral History with Jacqueline Copeland

#### Overview of the Collection

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

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Creator: Copeland, Jacqueline, 1962-

Title: The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Jacqueline Copeland,

**Dates:** November 30, 2017

Bulk Dates: 2017

**Physical Description:** 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:07:54).

**Abstract:** Philanthropic Foundation Executive Jacqueline Copeland (1962 - ) served as vice

president of the Philadelphia Foundation, founded PAWPNet and Black Philanthropy Month, as well as helped design President Barack Obama's My Brother's Keeper Initiative. Copeland was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on November 30, 2017, in

San Jose, California. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the

interview.

**Identification:** A2017 210

**Language:** The interview and records are in English.

# Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Philanthropic Foundation Executive Jacqueline Copeland was born on April 12, 1962 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to James and Willette Copeland. She attended Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and received her B.A. degree in literature from its School of Arts and Sciences with an African Studies Certification from its School of Foreign Service. Copeland went on to receive her M.C.P. degree in city and regional planning from the University of Pennsylvania School of Design in 1990, and her M.A. degree in cultural anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania School of Arts and Sciences in 1991. In 2000, Copeland received her Ph.D. degree in cultural anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania specializing in Africa and South Asia.

From 1991 to 1995, Copeland worked as the program vice president for The Philadelphia Foundation. In 2000, she was appointed the first national managing director and vice president of Philanthropic Services at U.S. Bank Private Client Group. In 2006, she founded Copeland Carson & Associates, an international community investment practice, specializing in support to nonprofits, foundations, and social entrepreneurs. She has worked with the Ford Foundation, McKnight Foundation, U.S. Department of HUD, PEW and Global Fund for Women. In 2008, Copeland also conducted the initial research and program design for the My Brothers Keeper project, later adopted by the Obama Administration and Foundation as a signature initiative.

Then, in 2011, Copeland founded the Pan-African Women's Philanthropy Network (PAWPNet). She also founded Black Philanthropy Month, officially held in August and recognized by the United Nations. Additionally, in 2011, Copeland became the first executive director at the African Women's Development Fund USA. In 2015, Copeland was named chief operations officer at Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County (CCSCC). In 2017, Copeland led the CCSCC team that collaborated with tech start-up, Senior Growth, to create an award-winning e-health application, MyWellBeing. As of August 2018, Copeland became chief operating officer of the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology, a social enterprise promoting diverse women's leadership in technology

throughout the U.S. and worldwide.

In 2004 Copeland wrote her first book titled *Creating Africa in America: Translocal Identity in an Emerging World City*. In 2012 she co-authored *Applying Anthropology in the Global Village* with Christina Wasson and Mary Butler. Her *Evaluation Anthropology*, co-authored with Mary Butler in 2005, is recognized as helping to create a new subfield in cross-cultural evaluation. Noted for documenting African diaspora giving, in 2014, she published *African Immigrant Innovations in 21st Century Giving* with co-authors Mojubaolu Olufunke Okome and Una Okonkwo Osili.

Since 2011, Copeland has been a featured Huffington Post blogger, writing about black philanthropy, women's issues, technology and futurism. Copeland was a Bush Foundation Fellow and in 2013, she received the Hero for Health Award, awarded for her dedication and commitment to the social justice field and outstanding achievements in the areas of leadership and research. She is a sought after keynote speaker and trainer on multicultural issues in philanthropy, health, evaluation, technology and human rights.

Jacqueline Copeland was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on November 30, 2017.

## **Scope and Content**

This life oral history interview with Jacqueline Copeland was conducted by Harriette Cole on November 30, 2017, in San Jose, California, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Philanthropic Foundation Executive Jacqueline Copeland (1962 - ) served as vice president of the Philadelphia Foundation, founded PAWPNet and Black Philanthropy Month, as well as helped design President Barack Obama's My Brother's Keeper Initiative.

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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:

Copeland, Jacqueline, 1962-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

#### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews Copeland, Jacqueline, 1962- --Interviews

## **Organizations:**

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

## Occupations:

Foundation 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 Jacqueline Copeland, Section A2017\_210\_001\_001, TRT: 1:29:14?

Video Oral History Interview with Jacqueline Copeland, Section A2017\_210\_001\_002, TRT: 2:31:38?

Video Oral History Interview with Jacqueline Copeland, Section A2017\_210\_001\_003, TRT: 3:29:36?

Video Oral History Interview with Jacqueline Copeland, Section A2017\_210\_001\_004, TRT: 4:28:24?

Video Oral History Interview with Jacqueline Copeland, Section A2017\_210\_001\_005, TRT: 5:28:25?

Video Oral History Interview with Jacqueline Copeland, Section A2017\_210\_001\_006, TRT: 6:29:55?

Video Oral History Interview with Jacqueline Copeland, Section A2017\_210\_001\_007, TRT: 7:28:33?

Video Oral History Interview with Jacqueline Copeland, Section A2017\_210\_001\_008, TRT: 8:29:13?

Video Oral History Interview with Jacqueline Copeland, Section A2017\_210\_001\_009, TRT: 9:12:56?