

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with The Honorable Sandra Hollins

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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>	Hollins, Sandra, 1970-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Sandra Hollins,
<b>Dates:</b>	January 16, 2018
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2018
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5 uncompressed MOV digital video files (1:48:17).
<b>Abstract:</b>	State representative Sandra Hollins (1970- ), the first African American woman elected to the Utah State Legislature in 2014 was previously the manager of Volunteers of America, Utah's homeless outreach program. Hollins was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on January 16, 2018, in Salt Lake City, Utah. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2018_010
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

State legislator Sandra Hollins was born on May 11, 1970 in New Orleans, Louisiana, to mother, homemaker Iola Robinson-Seals, and father, store clerk Freddie Seals II. A 1988 graduate of McDonogh #35 High School in New Orleans, she received her B.S. degree in business management from the University of Phoenix in 2002, as well as her M.A. degree in social work from the University of Utah, College of Social Work in Salt Lake City in 2009.

Hollins began working as a licensed clinical social worker, focusing primarily on substance abuse and advocacy for Salt Lake City's homeless population. She also worked for Volunteers of America Utah, as manager of the organization's homeless outreach program. In 2014, Hollins entered state politics, defeating Republican candidate Kristopher Smith to become the first African American woman elected to the Utah State Legislature, representing District 23 in Salt Lake City, Utah. As a legislator, she served as Minority Caucus Manager, and on committees including; Social Services Appropriations, Health and Human Services, the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and Child Welfare oversight panel. Hollins authored legislation on state job applications, criminal and traffic code amendments, and school resource officer and administrator training. She also sponsored House Bill 156 – or "Ban the Box" bill – which supported removing questions and check boxes from job applications asking about criminal records.

Hollins has served on numerous boards and committees including: the Greater Salt Lake Alumnae Chapter-Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; National Association of Social Workers; Fairpark Community Council; Salt Lake County African American Caucus; Women In Government; Martha Hughes Cannon Caucus; and the Salt Lake City Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Board. She served as a judge for the Youthline Utah Young Humanitarian Award in 2017, and was elected as the western regional director for The National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women, also serving as co-chair of the Women and Children Committee for the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. In 2016, Hollins received the Call to Serve award from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She received the Pioneer Award from the Utah African American Chamber of Commerce in 2017, as well as the

Business Champion award from the Salt Lake Chamber that same year.

Hollins and her husband, David have two adult daughters, Jaynell and Canice.

Sandra Hollins was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on January 18, 2018.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with The Honorable Sandra Hollins was conducted by Larry Crowe on January 16, 2018, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and was recorded on 5 uncompressed MOV digital video files. State representative Sandra Hollins (1970- ), the first African American woman elected to the Utah State Legislature in 2014 was previously the manager of Volunteers of America, Utah's homeless outreach program.

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### 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.

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## Controlled Access Terms

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

### Persons:

Hollins, Sandra, 1970-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Hollins, Sandra, 1970- --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:

State Representative

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# HistoryMakers® Category:

PoliticalMakers

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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

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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).

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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 The Honorable Sandra Hollins, Section A2018\_010\_001\_001, TRT: 1:29:48 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Sandra Hollins, Section A2018\_010\_001\_002,  
TRT: 2:31:03 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Sandra Hollins, Section A2018\_010\_001\_003,  
TRT: 3:29:31 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Sandra Hollins, Section A2018\_010\_001\_004,  
TRT: 4:11:58 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Sandra Hollins, Section A2018\_010\_001\_005,  
TRT: 5:05:57 ?