

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Monica Haslip

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Haslip, Monica, 1965-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Monica Haslip,
Dates:	February 20, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:17:07).
Abstract:	Arts administrator Monica Haslip (1965 -) was the founder and executive director of Little Black Pearl Art and Design Center and the Little Black Pearl Art and Design Academy. Haslip was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on February 20, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_018
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Arts administrator Monica Haslip was born on June 14, 1965 in Birmingham, Alabama to Cleopatra Cleveland Haslip and Willie Haslip. Haslip graduated from the Alabama School of Fine Arts in 1983, and completed two years at Atlanta College of Art. She went on to work in the photography department at Johnson Publishing Company in Chicago, Illinois. In 1989, Haslip was hired as a senior marketing manager for the mid-western region at Black Entertainment Television (BET).

In 1994, Haslip founded Little Black Pearl Art & Design Center, an after school program that she operated out of her home on the South Side of Chicago. She initially employed two artists to instruct children in painting, mosaic, and design from the Hyde Park, Oakland, Kenwood, Woodlawn, and Bronzeville communities. In 2000, Haslip used funding from the Empowerment Zone Initiative to begin expanding the organization. In 2004, Little Black Pearl Art & Design Center moved into a new forty-thousand square foot facility in Bronzeville; and in 2011, Haslip opened Options Laboratory School, a charter school that offered an arts, science, technology, engineering, math, and business centered curriculum to at-risk youth. Haslip secured a contract with Chicago Public Schools in 2013, and the school was renamed The Little Black Pearl Art & Design Academy. As executive director of both the art and design center and the academy, Haslip facilitated sponsorships from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Greater Chicago Food Depository and the Jordan Brand.

In addition to receiving a Griot Award in 2011, Haslip was named as a White House “champion of change.” She was also honored by the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention, and was featured in *O Magazine* and in *The Chicago Tribune*. In 2017, Haslip was included in a mural painted by Kerry James Marshall on the Chicago Cultural Center. She was a recipient of the 2013 Mary McLeod Bethune Living Legends Award from the IDEAL Education Foundation. Additionally, Haslip served as a workforce innovation board member of the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership.

Haslip and her wife, Elizabeth Wright Haslip, live in Chicago.

Monica Haslip was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on February 20, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Monica Haslip was conducted by Larry Crowe on February 20, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Arts administrator Monica Haslip (1965 -) was the founder and executive director of Little Black Pearl Art and Design Center and the Little Black Pearl Art and Design Academy.

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:

Haslip, Monica, 1965-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Haslip, Monica, 1965- --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

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 Monica Haslip, February 20, 2018. 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).

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 Monica Haslip, Section A2018_018_001_001, TRT: 1:31:10 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Monica Haslip, Section A2018_018_001_002, TRT: 2:30:01 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Monica Haslip, Section A2018_018_001_003, TRT: 3:30:30 ?

- Video Oral History Interview with Monica Haslip, Section A2018_018_001_004, TRT: 4:30:41 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Monica Haslip, Section A2018_018_001_005, TRT: 5:31:00 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Monica Haslip, Section A2018_018_001_006, TRT: 6:29:12 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Monica Haslip, Section A2018_018_001_007, TRT: 7:14:33 ?