

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Jahmal Cole

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Cole, Jahmal, 1983-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Jahmal Cole,
Dates:	February 22, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	5 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:25:21).
Abstract:	Community activist Jahmal Cole (1983-) founded MyBlock, MyHood, MyCity in 2013 – a non-profit organization dedicated to providing opportunities for underprivileged youth and authored the book <i>Athletes and Emcees</i> in 2010. Cole was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on February 22, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_021
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Community activist Jahmal Cole was born on July 15, 1983 in Chicago, Illinois to Leonard and Gloria Cole. He graduated from Reuther Central High School in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and received his B.S. degree in communications from Wayne State College, in 2005, in Wayne, Nebraska. Cole was one of the first African American players on the Wayne State Wildcats basketball team, where he played for four seasons and received the Scholar Athlete Award in 2005. Cole later received his M.S. degree in internet marketing from Full Sail University Online in 2011.

Cole began his career working for Colorado Technical University Online as national admissions advisor. In 2009, Cole was hired at WH Trading, LLC in Chicago as a Microsoft Systems Administrator, and obtained his Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator Certificate from Microtrain. He founded the Role Model Movement, a not-for-profit organization offering a series of initiatives geared toward empowering underserved youth, and authored, through its publishing arm Role Model Publishing, *Athletes and Emcees*, a motivational book providing candid advice on careers, confidence, friendship, school, ingenuity and determination. In 2013, he founded MyBlock, MyHood, MyCity, a non-profit organization based in Chicago, dedicated to providing opportunities to underprivileged youth focused on STEM, arts & culture, citizenry & volunteerism, health, community development, culinary arts, and entrepreneurship. He is also the author of *The Torch of Decency: Rekindling the Spirit of Community Organizations*, *Exposure Is Key: Solving Violence By Exposing Teens to Opportunites*, *Mud Sharks*, and *50 Excuses to not Follow Your Dreams*.

In addition to his role as a mentor to inner city youth, his honors and accomplishments include being named the Chicago Ideas Award Winner by Mayor Rahm Emanuel in 2011, a certificate of appreciation by the Illinois Office of Volunteerism and Community Service in 2012, the Chicago Urban League Innovator Award in 2016, and becoming a Bluhm Helfand Social Innovation Fellow in 2017.

Cole has also been an active associate board member of the Children's Research Triangle and Children's Home + Aid, and a mentor for the Illinois Education Foundation. Cole has served as the Treasurer of the Greater Chatham Alliance.

Cole and his wife, Tiffany, have one daughter, Khammur Monet.

Jahmal Cole was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on February 22, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Jahmal Cole was conducted by Larry Crowe on February 22, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 5 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Community activist Jahmal Cole (1983-) founded MyBlock, MyHood, MyCity in 2013 – a non-profit organization dedicated to providing opportunities for underprivileged youth and authored the book *Athletes and Emcees* in 2010.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access

Restrictions may be applied on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of The HistoryMakers®.

Restrictions on Use

All use of materials and use credits must be pre-approved by The HistoryMakers®. Appropriate credit must be given. Copyright is held by The HistoryMakers®.

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:

Cole, Jahmal, 1983-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Cole, Jahmal, 1983- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Community Activist

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 Jahmal Cole, February 22, 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 Jahmal Cole, Section A2018_021_001_001, TRT: 1:29:44 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Jahmal Cole, Section A2018_021_001_002, TRT: 2:28:21 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Jahmal Cole, Section A2018_021_001_003, TRT: 3:30:35 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Jahmal Cole, Section A2018_021_001_004, TRT: 4:28:12 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Jahmal Cole, Section A2018_021_001_005, TRT: 5:28:29 ?