

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Don Terry

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Terry, Don, 1957-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Don Terry,
Dates:	February 23, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:26:55).
Abstract:	Journalist Don Terry (1957 -) was a Pulitzer Prize winning reporter for The New York Times and The Chicago Tribune. He also worked with the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. Terry was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on February 23, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_027
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Journalist Don Terry was born on July 30, 1957 in Evanston, Illinois to Jeanne Katherine Ober and Bill Terry. Terry graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1975, and received his B.A. degree in American history from Oberlin College in 1979. He then earned his M.A. degree in magazine journalism from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism in 1980.

Terry began his journalism career at the *Chicago Defender*, where he worked as a staff writer. He went on to write for several newspapers in the Midwest, including the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* and the *St. Paul Dispatch*. In 1988, Terry joined *The New York Times* as a staff writer in the metro section. Over time, Terry became a national correspondent, and many of his articles focused on legal and social injustice issues. He also covered subjects ranging from the El Rukns Chicago gang convictions in 1991 to the Los Angeles riots in 1992 to serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer's conviction. In 2000, Terry's article, "Getting Under My Skin: A White Mother and A Black Father Left Him This Legacy" was published as part of a *New York Times* series called "How Race is Lived in America," garnering Terry and the other reporters the 2001 Pulitzer Prize. From 2001 to 2009, Terry worked as a reporter at the *Chicago Tribune*. He also contributed to the Chicago News Cooperative and the *Columbia Journalism Review*; and wrote a weekly column for the *Chicago Sun-Times* for many years. From 2012 to 2015, Terry worked as a senior writer at the Southern Poverty Law Center. Terry became the national press secretary and communications director at the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition in 2016, working closely with Reverend Jesse L. Jackson.

Terry received several awards over his journalism career, including the Studs Terkel Media Award in 1997 as well as the Chicago Tribune's Writing Award and the Peter Lisagor Award, both in 2003. In 2009, Terry received an Encore fellowship from the *Columbia Journalism Review*.

Terry is married to attorney Rebecca Ford Terry.

Don Terry was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on February 23, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Don Terry was conducted by Larry Crowe on February 23, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Journalist Don Terry (1957 -) was a Pulitzer Prize winning reporter for The New York Times and The Chicago Tribune. He also worked with the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.

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:

Terry, Don, 1957-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Terry, Don, 1957- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Journalist

HistoryMakers® Category:

MediaMakers

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 Don Terry, February 23, 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 Don Terry, Section A2018_027_001_001, TRT: 1:29:01 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Don Terry, Section A2018_027_001_002, TRT: 2:29:28 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Don Terry, Section A2018_027_001_003, TRT: 3:29:08 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Don Terry, Section A2018_027_001_004, TRT: 4:29:19 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Don Terry, Section A2018_027_001_005, TRT: 5:29:21 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Don Terry, Section A2018_027_001_006, TRT: 6:30:23 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Don Terry, Section A2018_027_001_007, TRT: 7:30:15 ?