

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Patricia McGraw

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	McGraw, Patricia, 1935-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Patricia McGraw,
Dates:	March 15, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:54:32).
Abstract:	Professor Patricia McGraw (1935-) was named professor of English and African/African American Studies at University of Central Arkansas in 1987. McGraw was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 15, 2018, in Little Rock, Arkansas. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_047
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Professor Patricia McGraw was born on May 6, 1935 in Little Rock, Arkansas to William and Ruth Washington. She attended South End Elementary School, Dunbar Junior High School, and graduated from Dunbar Senior High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. She attended Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, and received her B.A. degree in language arts from San Francisco State College in San Francisco, California in 1957, where she was the first African American member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. She received her M.A. degree in special studies in literature from San Francisco State College in 1967 and Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri in 1982

McGraw went on to teach at Philander Smith College in Little Rock in the 1960s and then joined the faculty at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1971 as the first African American professor. She went on to establish the McGraw Learning Institute in Little Rock to teach kindergarten through sixth grade. McGraw left the University of Arkansas at Little Rock to join the University of Central Arkansas in Conway faculty in a faculty tenured position as professor of English and African/African American Studies. She served in this position from 1987 to 2000, a total of thirteen years, until her retirement.

During her career, McGraw traveled to Africa numerous times for her humanitarian work and educational training. In 1999, her work was honored by members of the Rwandese Parliament with the presentation of a lake in her honor by the name of Lake Kivu, which is located between the East African countries of Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

McGraw, a scholar, professor, and author, has published several books, including the novel *Hush! Hush! Somebody's Calling My Name* in 2000, and more than 500 articles and poems. She also received numerous teaching excellence and community service awards on the local, state, and national levels. In 2004, she was inducted into the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame. A longtime member of the National Association of Black Storytellers, she was a founding member of the Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society in Arkansas, and a member of the Rufus K. Young Christian Church. She has co-hosted television shows and been the creator of

a one-woman show, *A Profile of Four Black Women: Look Upon Them and Be Renewed*, which has been performed in Africa, the West Indies, and Canada. She has been committed to preserving her family legacy with the Washington Heritage House, the former residence of her parents, located across the street from the historic Central High School in Little Rock.

McGraw, the widow of the late Tyrone Power McGraw, has three children.

Patricia McGraw was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 13, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Patricia McGraw was conducted by Randall Pinkston on March 15, 2018, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Professor Patricia McGraw (1935-) was named professor of English and African/African American Studies at University of Central Arkansas in 1987.

Restrictions

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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:

McGraw, Patricia, 1935-

Pinkston, Randall (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
McGraw, Patricia, 1935- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Professor

HistoryMakers® Category:

EducationMakers

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 Patricia McGraw, Section A2018_047_001_001, TRT: 1:28:16 ?
Video Oral History Interview with Patricia McGraw, Section A2018_047_001_002, TRT: 2:29:15 ?
Video Oral History Interview with Patricia McGraw, Section A2018_047_001_003, TRT: 3:29:55 ?
Video Oral History Interview with Patricia McGraw, Section A2018_047_001_004, TRT: 4:30:49 ?
Video Oral History Interview with Patricia McGraw, Section A2018_047_001_005, TRT: 5:28:26 ?
Video Oral History Interview with Patricia McGraw, Section A2018_047_001_006, TRT: 6:30:26 ?
Video Oral History Interview with Patricia McGraw, Section A2018_047_001_007, TRT: 7:28:25 ?
Video Oral History Interview with Patricia McGraw, Section A2018_047_001_008, TRT: 8:29:00 ?