

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Alicia Garza

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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>	Garza, Alicia, 1981-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Alicia Garza,
<b>Dates:</b>	April 2, 2018
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2018
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:26:53).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Civic leader Alicia Garza (1981- ) named director, special projects for National Domestic Workers Alliance, was one of the co-founders of the Black Lives Matter movement. Garza was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 2, 2018, in Oakland, California. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2018_058
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Civic leader Alicia Garza was born on January 4, 1981 in Los Angeles, California. She received her B.A. degree in anthropology and sociology in 2002 from the University of California, San Diego.

Following graduation, Garza held various social-justice positions. In 2009, she served as executive director for People Organized to Win Employment Rights/POWER for the San Francisco Bay Area. In 2011, she was elected board chair for Right to the City Alliance/RTTC in Oakland, which fought gentrification and police brutality. In 2013, Garza was a co-founder of the Black Lives Matter movement, an activist movement focused on campaigns against violence and systemic racism towards African Americans. Garza joined the National Domestic Workers Alliance in Oakland, California as its director of special projects. In 2018, Garza founded the Black Futures Lab, which invites black people to experiment with new ways to build independent, progressive black political power. As the Strategy & Partnerships Director for the National Domestic Workers Alliance, Garza worked to build a movement at the intersections of race, gender, and the economy.

She has served as a board member of Forward Together's Oakland branch, Black Organizing for Leadership and Dignity, and Oakland's School of Unity and Liberation/SOUL. Her editorial writing has been published by *Time*, *Mic*, *Marie Claire*, *Elle*, *Essence*, *The Guardian*, *The Nation*, *The Feminist Wire*, *Rolling Stone*, *HuffPost* and *Truthout*.

Garza has received numerous awards and recognition. She was ranked #3 on the *Politico* 50 2015 guide to Thinkers, Doers, and Visionaries with Patrisse Cullors and Opal Tometi; the *Root*'s 2016 100 list of African American Achievers between the ages of 25 and 45; 2016 *Glamour* Women of the Year Award; 2016 *Marie Claire* New Guard Award; Community Change Agent at the 2016 *Black Entertainment Television*'s [BET]'s Black Girls Rock Awards; *Fortune* Magazine's 2016 list of the World's Greatest Leaders; and was a member of the 2016 Tribunal of the US Black Women's Truth and Reconciliation Commission held at the United Nations; and the

Local Hero award from the *San Francisco Bay Guardian*. She has been twice honored by the Harvey Milk Democratic Club with the Bayard Rustin Community Activist Award for her work fighting racism and gentrification in San Francisco. She has also been honored by the Jeanne Gauna Communicate Justice Award from the Centre for Media Justice. In 2017, she and the other Black Lives Matter co-founders Garza, Patrisse Cullors and Opal Tometi were awarded the Sydney Peace Prize in Sydney, in Australia. On May 26, 2017, Garza delivered a commencement speech, which was dedicated to black women, to 35,000 San Francisco State University Graduate students. Garza was named one of the 100 Women We Love named by *GO Magazine* in 2018

Alicia Garza was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on April 2, 2018.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Alicia Garza was conducted by Larry Crowe on April 2, 2018, in Oakland, California, and was recorded on 5 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Civic leader Alicia Garza (1981- ) named director, special projects for National Domestic Workers Alliance, was one of the co-founders of the Black Lives Matter movement.

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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:

Garza, Alicia, 1981-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews  
Garza, Alicia, 1981- --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:

Civic Activist

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

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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 Alicia Garza, Section A2018\_058\_001\_001, TRT: 1:28:42 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Alicia Garza, Section A2018\_058\_001\_002, TRT: 2:28:20 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Alicia Garza, Section A2018\_058\_001\_003, TRT: 3:29:33 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Alicia Garza, Section A2018\_058\_001\_004, TRT: 4:31:05 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Alicia Garza, Section A2018\_058\_001\_005, TRT: 5:29:13 ?