

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Mario Marcel Salas

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Salas, Mario Marcel
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Mario Marcel Salas,
Dates:	June 6, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:10:17).
Abstract:	Professor and political leader Mario Marcel Salas (1949-) professor of African American studies at the University of Texas at San Antonio was also a member of the San Antonio City Council, from 1997 to 2001 as District 2 Representative. Salas was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on June 6, 2018, in San Antonio, Texas. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_115
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Professor and political leader Mario Marcel Salas was born on July 30, 1949 in San Antonio, Texas. He attended Central Catholic High School, and graduated from Phyllis Wheatley High School in San Antonio in 1968. Salas earned his A.S. degree in applied science-engineering technology, and his A.A. degree in liberal arts from San Antonio College. Later, he received his B.A. degree in English in 1988 from the University of Texas at San Antonio, and his M.Ed. degree in 1999 from Our Lady of the Lake University. He received a second M.A. degree in political science from the University of Texas in 2004.

During the 1970s, Salas was a contributing writer to various activist newspapers and newsletters, including a regular column in *The San Antonio Register*, *The San Antonio Observer*, *San Antonio Community Journal/Inner City Journal*. He was also field secretary at the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) chapter in San Antonio, which was the last SNCC-Black Panther Chapter in the Country, and ran for Texas State Representative on the La Raza Unida Ticket in 1972 under a SNCC-Raza Unida Coalition. In 1990, he became an educator for the San Antonio Independent School District, and was a co-founder of the Barbara Jordan Community Center in San Antonio and he also championed the establishment of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as a Texas state holiday in 1991. Salas was elected to the San Antonio City Council, where he served two full terms from 1997 to 2001 as District 2 Representative. In 2004, he campaigned for the office of County Commissioner. Salas also served as professor of African American studies at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He was a candidate in the bid for the Democratic Primary for Texas State Representative, District 120, in San Antonio in 2016. He retired as an assistant professor of political science from the University of Texas.

Salas served as lecturer for the University of Texas at San Antonio Department of Political Science. He also served as vice president of the Judson Independent School District Board of Trustees and chairman of the Tax Increment Finance Board, Zone 11.

Salas was a regular contributor to the *San Antonio Observer*. He wrote a sequel to Mary Shelley's classic novel, *Frankenstein*, titled *Frankenstein: The Dawning and the Passing*. He has also written several political science textbooks including *American and Texas Political History: A Maze of Racialized Thought in America*.

Salas has been an advocate for San Antonio's African American community as a founding member of Organizations United for Eastside Development, Black Coalition on Mass Media, and Frontline 2000. He supported the Anti-Apartheid movement in South Africa and opposed the recruitment of Americans as mercenaries in the revolutionary war in Zimbabwe. He is also the president of KROV radio, a black formatted radio station, and he remains a human and civil rights advocate.

Salas and his wife, Edwina Lacy have two adult daughters, Elena Patrice and Angela Christine.

Mario Marcel Salas was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on June 6, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Mario Marcel Salas was conducted by Larry Crowe on June 6, 2018, in San Antonio, Texas, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Professor and political leader Mario Marcel Salas (1949-) professor of African American studies at the University of Texas at San Antonio was also a member of the San Antonio City Council, from 1997 to 2001 as District 2 Representative.

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:

Salas, Mario Marcel

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Salas, Mario Marcel--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Political 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

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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 Mario Marcel Salas, Section A2018_115_001_001, TRT: 1:29:39 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mario Marcel Salas, Section A2018_115_001_002, TRT: 2:30:56 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mario Marcel Salas, Section A2018_115_001_003, TRT: 3:30:30 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mario Marcel Salas, Section A2018_115_001_004, TRT: 4:29:13 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mario Marcel Salas, Section A2018_115_001_005, TRT: 5:29:43 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mario Marcel Salas, Section A2018_115_001_006, TRT: 6:33:02 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mario Marcel Salas, Section A2018_115_001_007, TRT: 7:28:07 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mario Marcel Salas, Section A2018_115_001_008, TRT: 8:37:31 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mario Marcel Salas, Section A2018_115_001_009, TRT: 9:01:36 ?