

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Anne Williams-Isom

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Williams-Isom, Anne, 1964-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Anne Williams-Isom,
Dates:	October 26, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:01:28).
Abstract:	Nonprofit executive Anne Williams-Isom (1964-) served as chief operations officer and chief executive officer of the Harlem Children's Zone in New York City. Williams-Isom was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on October 26, 2018, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_203
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Nonprofit executive Anne Williams-Isom was born on November 17, 1964 in Queens, New York, to Edna and Athille Williams. She attended St. Catherine of Sienna in Saint Albans, New York, and graduated from the Dominican Commercial High School in Queens, New York. Williams-Isom earned her B.S. degree in political science and psychology from Fordham University in 1986, her J.D. degree from Columbia Law School in 1991, and also studied ministry at New York Theological Seminary.

In 1986, Williams-Isom worked in community affairs for the New York Police Department in Brooklyn, New York, before being hired at Robinson, Silverman, Pearce, Aronsohn & Berman in 1991. In 1994, she joined the law firm of Kalkines, Arky, Zall & Bernstein. Two years later, Williams-Isom became the director of the Office of Community Planning and Development at New York City's Administration for Children's Services. She transitioned within the administration to special counsel to the commissioner. By 2006, she was promoted to deputy commissioner of community and government affairs. Williams-Isom joined the Harlem Children's Zone as chief operating officer in 2009, and was promoted to chief executive officer in 2014.

In 1996, Williams-Isom was an Institute for Educational Leadership Education Policy fellow. Williams-Isom joined the board of the Metropolitan Montessori School in 2006, and was named an Annie E. Casey Children and Families Fellow by the Annie E. Casey Foundation the next year. She served on the advisory council for the My Brother's Keeper Alliance and was selected for the Pahara-Aspen Education Fellowship by the Aspen Institute in 2016. Williams-Isom also joined the board of Child Trends, and Fordham University's President's Council in 2016. The same year, she was appointed by New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio to the New York City Children's Cabinet Advisory Board. In 2018, Williams-Isom joined the board of the Central Park Conservancy. Williams-Isom was awarded the Young Women in Government Award from the New York City Mayor's Commission on Women's Issues in 1999. In 2008, she was awarded the Visionary Award by the Center for Family Representation, and later, the Public Interest Achievement Award from the Public Interest Law Foundation at Columbia Law School. In 2018, she was awarded an honorary doctorate from Fordham University's School of Social Science.

Williams-Isom and her husband, Phillip Isom, have three children: Aiyanna, Phillip and Ande Isom.

Anne Williams-Isom was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on October 26, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Anne Williams-Isom was conducted by Harriette Cole on October 26, 2018, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Nonprofit executive Anne Williams-Isom (1964-) served as chief operations officer and chief executive officer of the Harlem Children's Zone in New York City.

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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:

Williams-Isom, Anne, 1964-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Williams-Isom, Anne, 1964- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Nonprofit Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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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 Anne Williams-Isom, Section A2018_203_001_001, TRT: 1:28:06 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anne Williams-Isom, Section A2018_203_001_002, TRT: 2:29:53 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anne Williams-Isom, Section A2018_203_001_003, TRT:
3:29:16 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anne Williams-Isom, Section A2018_203_001_004, TRT:
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Video Oral History Interview with Anne Williams-Isom, Section A2018_203_001_005, TRT:
5:30:16 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anne Williams-Isom, Section A2018_203_001_006, TRT:
6:26:54 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anne Williams-Isom, Section A2018_203_001_007, TRT:
7:07:17 ?