

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with J. Keith Motley

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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>	Motley, J. Keith
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with J. Keith Motley,
<b>Dates:</b>	November 18, 2018
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2018
<b>Physical Description:</b>	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:11:24).
<b>Abstract:</b>	College president and academic Administrator J. Keith Motley (1956- ) was the eighth chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston, where he served from 2007 to 2017. Motley was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on November 18, 2018, in Boston, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2018_219
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

College president and academic administrator J. Keith Motley was born on January 28, 1956 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to John Jr. and Cornelia Motley. He attended James E. Rogers Elementary School and graduated in 1972 from Peabody High School in Pittsburgh. In 1972, Motley was recruited to play Division 1 basketball at Northeastern University in Boston. Motley received his B.S. degree in education, speech pathology and audiology in 1978 and his M.Ed. degree in higher education administration in 1981, both from Northeastern University. He went on to receive his Ph.D. degree in education administration from Boston College in 1999.

Upon graduating college, Motley was hired as an admissions counselor at Northeastern, and also as a part-time assistant coach for the university's basketball team. In 1980, he served as an intern in the Office of Senior Vice President for University Administration. He also became assistant dean of minority affairs in 1982. In 1987, Motley served as associate dean and director for the John D. O'Bryant African American Institute and served as associate head basketball coach where he helped to lead the Northeastern Huskies to seven appearances in the NCAA Tournament. In 1989, Motley served as founder and director for Concerned Black Men of Massachusetts, Inc.'s Paul Robeson Institute for Positive Self Development, providing educational, emotional and personal support to young Black males and their families. In 1993, Motley was named Northeastern University dean of student services; and, in 1996, Motley helped to establish the Roxbury Preparatory Charter School. In 2003, Motley joined the University of Massachusetts at Boston as vice chancellor for student affairs. He was named interim chancellor for the university in 2004, and served as vice president for business and public affairs. In 2006, Motley's role expanded to vice president for business marketing and public affairs. From 2007 to 2017, Motley served as chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston.

Motley was inducted into the Northeastern University Hall of Fame in 1999. He was named one of the Power 50 Most Influential Bostonians by Business Journal for five consecutive years, from 2012 to 2016. He received the Harvard Club of Boston's Friends of Education Award in 2014, the John D. O'Bryant African American Institute's

Vision Award in 2015, the Boston NAACP's W.E.B. Du Bois Distinguished Service Award in 2016, and Emerson College President's Award for Civic Engagement in 2017. In 2018, the Northeastern University established the Dr. J. Keith Motley Chair to Head New Sports Leadership and Administration Program in his honor.

Motley and his wife Angela are the parents of three adult children: Keith, Kayla and Jordan.

J. Keith Motley was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on November 18, 2018.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with J. Keith Motley was conducted by Larry Crowe on November 18, 2018, in Boston, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. College president and academic Administrator J. Keith Motley (1956- ) was the eighth chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston, where he served from 2007 to 2017.

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## 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.

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## Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

### Persons:

Motley, J. Keith

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Motley, J. Keith--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:

Academic Administrator

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College President

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

EducationMakers

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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 J. Keith Motley, Section A2018\_219\_001\_001, TRT: 1:31:44 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with J. Keith Motley, Section A2018\_219\_001\_002, TRT: 2:27:46 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with J. Keith Motley, Section A2018\_219\_001\_003, TRT: 3:29:55 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with J. Keith Motley, Section A2018\_219\_001\_004, TRT: 4:29:08 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with J. Keith Motley, Section A2018\_219\_001\_005, TRT: 5:30:05 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with J. Keith Motley, Section A2018\_219\_001\_006, TRT: 6:24:55 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with J. Keith Motley, Section A2018\_219\_001\_007, TRT: 7:11:36 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with J. Keith Motley, Section A2018\_219\_001\_008, TRT: 8:06:15 ?