

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Patrisse Cullors

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers® 1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Khan-Cullors, Patrisse, 1984-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Patrisse Cullors,
Dates:	December 10, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	3 uncompressed MOV digital video files (1:29:12).
Abstract:	Community activist Patrisse Cullors (1984-) was a cofounder of the Black Lives Matter movement and coauthored her New York Times Bestselling memoir, <i>When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir</i> . Cullors was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on December 10, 2018, in Los Angeles, California. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_222
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Community activist Patrisse Cullors was born on June 20, 1984 in Van Nuys, California to Cherisse Foley. She graduated from Grover Cleveland High School in Reseda, California and received her B.A. degree in religion and philosophy in 2012 from the University of California, Los Angeles. Cullors also attended the Roski School of Fine Arts and Design at the University of Southern California.

In 2001, Cullors joined the Bus Riders Union, a Los Angeles-based advocacy group. She later launched Dignity and Power Now, a coalition designed to fight police brutality. In 2012, Cullors curated her first performance art piece addressing the violence of mass incarceration, *STAINED: An Intimate Portrayal of State Violence*. Then, she co-founded the #BlackLivesMatter movement in 2013; and, the following year, Cullors completed an Arcus Center for Social Justice Leadership fellowship, and prepared and led a think tank on state and vigilante violence for the Without Borders Conference. She also produced and directed *POWER: From the Mouths of the Occupied*, the first in a series of theatrical pieces. In 2016, Cullors delivered the keynote address at over a dozen colleges and universities including American University, The University of Notre Dame, the University of Pennsylvania, and Cornell. In 2018, she coauthored her New York Times bestselling memoir, *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir*, and expanded her Los Angeles based coalition work with the advocacy groups Justice L.A. and Reform L.A. Jails. In 2018, Cullors became an adjunct professor at Prescott College in the Social Justice & Community Organizing program.

In 2006, she was honored by receiving the Mario Savio Young Activist Award. In 2015, Google awarded Cullors with the Racial Justice Grant, the Justice Teams for Truth and Reinvestment. Cullors was also named by the *Los Angeles Times* as a Civil Rights Leader for the 21st Century, and she received the Sydney Peace Prize for her #BlackLivesMatter work. In 2016, Cullors was named a Leading Edge Fund Fellow by The Rosenberg Foundation, a Senior Fellow for Maternal Mortality by MomsRising, a Kick-Ass Woman of Color by DLG Media, and received the Defender of the Dream Award from the AFL-CIO Executive Council Committee on Civil and

Human Rights. Her other awards include the Revolution Award for Freedom from ImageNation Cinema Foundation, the Justice Award from National Center for Lesbian Rights, the Community Change Agent Award from BLACK GIRLS ROCK! Inc., and the *Glamour* Women of the Year Award for The Justice Seekers. Cullors also received honorary doctorate degrees from Chicago's South Shore International College Preparatory High School and Clarkson University.

Patrisse Cullors was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on December 10, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Patrisse Cullors was conducted by Harriette Cole on December 10, 2018, in Los Angeles, California, and was recorded on 3 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Community activist Patrisse Cullors (1984-) was a cofounder of the Black Lives Matter movement and coauthored her New York Times Bestselling memoir, *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir*.

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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:

Khan-Cullors, Patrisse, 1984-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Khan-Cullors, Patrisse, 1984- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Community 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 Patrisse Cullors, Section A2018_222_001_001, TRT: 1:29:49 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Patrisse Cullors, Section A2018_222_001_002, TRT: 2:30:21 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Patrisse Cullors, Section A2018_222_001_003, TRT: 3:29:02 ?