

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Anita DeFrantz

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	DeFrantz, Anita L.
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Anita DeFrantz,
Dates:	December 12, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:13:49).
Abstract:	Nonprofit executive and Olympics athlete Anita DeFrantz (1952-) was captain of the American rowing team at the 1976 Summer Olympics, winning the bronze medal. She also serves as presidency of the LA84 Foundation and senior adviser for Legacy at the Los Angeles organizing committee for the 2028 summer Olympic Games. Defrantz was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on December 12, 2018, in Los Angeles, California. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_225
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Nonprofit executive and Olympic athlete Anita DeFrantz was born on October 4, 1952 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Robert David and Anita Page DeFrantz. In 1970, she graduated from Shortridge High School in Indianapolis, Indiana. DeFrantz received her B.A. degree in political philosophy in 1974 from Connecticut College, and her J.D. degree in 1977 from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in Philadelphia.

DeFrantz captained the U.S. women's rowing team and rowed in the eight boat that won a bronze medal at the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games. In 1977, she started her career as a staff attorney at the Juvenile Law Center of Philadelphia, and was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar. In 1980, she led the athletes' fight for the right to compete at the Moscow Olympic Games, including suing the United States Olympic Committee. The International Olympic Committee honored her with the bronze medal of the Olympic Order. DeFrantz served as vice president of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee and was elected to International Olympic Committee membership in 1986, the first African American and the first American woman to serve on the committee. In 1987, DeFrantz was named president of the LA84 Foundation. From 1989 to 1994, she served on the IOC's Program Commission and is credited with the acceptance of women's soccer and softball onto the Olympic program. DeFrantz also helped increase the number of women's competition opportunities on the Olympic program. She was elected to the IOC Executive Board in 1992 and appointed to the IOC's Olympic Program Commission. In 1995, she was appointed chair of the Women and Sport Working Group; and, in 1997, DeFrantz was the first woman elected to a four-year term as vice president. DeFrantz established the Tubman Truth Corporation in 2016 and served as president. She also served on LA 2028, the Los Angeles organizing committee for the 2028 summer Olympic Games, and was a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) where she was elected for a second term as a vice president in 2018.

From 1991 to 1999, *The Sporting News* named DeFrantz one of the 100 most powerful people in sports. In 2003,

Sports Illustrated named her one of the 101 most influential minorities in sports; and, in 2006, the NCAA named her one of NCAA's Most 100 Influential Student Athletes. The French magazine *L'Equipe* named DeFrantz one of the 10 Women Who Changed Sport in 2010; and, the following year, *Newsweek* named her one of 150 Women Who Shake the World, and *Los Angeles* magazine named her one of 10 Women Making a Difference in Los Angeles. In 2016, she received the Olympic Truce Award at the Rio Olympic Games. DeFrantz has also received honorary doctorate degrees from Pepperdine University, Mount Holyoke College and Pomona College. She received the Distinguished Leadership Award from the Center for Sociocultural Sport and Olympic Research (CSSOR) at California State University, Fullerton.

Anita DeFrantz was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on December 12, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Anita DeFrantz was conducted by Harriette Cole on December 12, 2018, in Los Angeles, California, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Nonprofit executive and Olympics athlete Anita DeFrantz (1952-) was captain of the American rowing team at the 1976 Summer Olympics, winning the bronze medal. She also serves as presidency of the LA84 Foundation and senior adviser for Legacy at the Los Angeles organizing committee for the 2028 summer Olympic Games.

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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:

DeFrantz, Anita L.

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
DeFrantz, Anita L.--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Olympics Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

SportsMakers

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 Anita DeFrantz, Section A2018_225_001_001, TRT: 1:27:33 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anita DeFrantz, Section A2018_225_001_002, TRT: 2:28:56 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anita DeFrantz, Section A2018_225_001_003, TRT: 3:31:27 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anita DeFrantz, Section A2018_225_001_004, TRT: 4:29:06 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anita DeFrantz, Section A2018_225_001_005, TRT: 5:29:11 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anita DeFrantz, Section A2018_225_001_006, TRT: 6:30:07 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anita DeFrantz, Section A2018_225_001_007, TRT: 7:28:22 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anita DeFrantz, Section A2018_225_001_008, TRT: 8:29:21 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anita DeFrantz, Section A2018_225_001_009, TRT: 9:19:46 ?