

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Mattie McFadden-Lawson

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	McFadden-Lawson, Mattie, 1952-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Mattie McFadden-Lawson,
Dates:	February 8, 2019
Bulk Dates:	2019
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:56:17).
Abstract:	Civic leader Mattie McFadden-Lawson (1952 -) served as founder and president of MML Design Group, co-vice chair of the 50 X 50 Leadership Circle of the Women in Public Service Project–Wilson Center for International Scholars, and on the President’s Advisory Committee on the Arts for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. McFadden-Lawson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on February 8, 2019, in Los Angeles, California. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2019_015
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Civic leader Mattie McFadden-Lawson was born on June 1, 1952. She received her B.A. degree from Brooklyn College in 1974 and her M.A. degree from Howard University in 1974. She later obtained her M.P.A. degree in public administration from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1977.

After serving as a research associate for McKinsey & Company, McFadden-Lawson was hired as a staff member for the United States Senate Budget Committee. In 1980, McFadden-Lawson and her husband, Michael A. Lawson, moved to Los Angeles, California, where she became involved in supporting various community and philanthropic efforts. She founded the MML Design Group in 2001 and oversaw the restoration of an historic Los Angeles mansion, formerly owned by Muhammad Ali.

McFadden-Lawson served on numerous boards including the Music Center/Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County, the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, the Ford Theater Foundation, and the GRAMMY Museum Board. She served as co-vice chair of the 50 X 50 Leadership Circle of the Women in Public Service Project at the Wilson Center for International Scholars. McFadden-Lawson was a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy and a founding member of the Dance Council of the Colburn School. She served as vice chair of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and as director of the International Black Women’s Public Policy Institute. In 2010, President Barack Obama appointed her to the President’s Advisory Committee on the Arts for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. In 2016, McFadden-Lawson served as a superdelegate to the Democratic National Convention from California.

In 2011, Mattie McFadden-Lawson was honored with a Drum Major Award at the Southern Christian Leadership

Conference at Los Angeles' Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. She was also presented with the "Service Above Self" award at the first annual Music Box Awards in 2011. In 2013, she received the Music Center Philanthropy Award from Center Dance Arts and The Music Center. The following year, she was the recipient of the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award from the Los Angeles Urban League; and, in 2015, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors presented McFadden-Lawson with the Excellence in Leadership Award. In 2016, she received the Leadership and Community Service Award from the International Black Women's Public Policy Institute, and the Women of City Club Award from the City Club of Los Angeles.

McFadden-Lawson and her husband, Michael A. Lawson, have two adult children, Michael Jr. and Jonathan.

Mattie McFadden-Lawson was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on February 8, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Mattie McFadden-Lawson was conducted by Harriette Cole on February 8, 2019, in Los Angeles, California, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Civic leader Mattie McFadden-Lawson (1952 -) served as founder and president of MML Design Group, co-vice chair of the 50 X 50 Leadership Circle of the Women in Public Service Project–Wilson Center for International Scholars, and on the President's Advisory Committee on the Arts for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

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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:

McFadden-Lawson, Mattie, 1952-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
McFadden-Lawson, Mattie, 1952- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Civic Leader

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 Mattie McFadden-Lawson, Section A2019_015_001_001, TRT: 1:28:53 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mattie McFadden-Lawson, Section A2019_015_001_002, TRT: 2:28:39 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mattie McFadden-Lawson, Section A2019_015_001_003, TRT: 3:29:22 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mattie McFadden-Lawson, Section A2019_015_001_004, TRT: 4:29:15 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mattie McFadden-Lawson, Section A2019_015_001_005, TRT: 5:30:54 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mattie McFadden-Lawson, Section A2019_015_001_006, TRT: 6:28:17 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mattie McFadden-Lawson, Section A2019_015_001_007, TRT: 7:31:52 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mattie McFadden-Lawson, Section A2019_015_001_008, TRT: 8:20:21 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mattie McFadden-Lawson, Section A2019_015_001_009, TRT: 9:08:44 ?