

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Priscilla Hill-Ardoin

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Hill-Ardoin, Priscilla, 1951-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Priscilla Hill-Ardoin,
Dates:	February 22, 2019 and May 12, 2023
Bulk Dates:	2019 and 2023
Physical Description:	15 uncompressed MOV digital video files (8:01:13).
Abstract:	Corporate executive Priscilla Hill-Ardoin (1951 -) served in telecommunications for thirty-two years, including as senior vice president and the first chief privacy officer of AT&T, Inc. Hill-Ardoin was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on February 22, 2019 and May 12, 2023, in New York, New York and St. Louis, Missouri. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2019_017
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Corporate executive Priscilla Hill-Ardoin was born on June 21, 1951 in Houston, Texas to Newman and Inez Hill. She graduated from Evan E. Worthing Senior High School in Houston, Texas in 1969, received her B.A. degree from Drury College in Springfield, Missouri in 1972, and earned her M.A. degree from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana in 1973. She later obtained her M.B.A. degree from the Olin School of Business at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri in 1988, and her J.D. degree from the St. Louis University School of Law in Missouri.

In 1973, Hill-Ardoin was hired as assistant to president Dr. Alvin I. Thomas at Prairie View A&M University in Houston, Texas, where she established the university's communications department and degree program. Two years later, she accepted a position at Southwestern Bell in Houston as a part of its management training program. In 1981, Hill-Ardoin was promoted to district level manager at Southwestern Bell Missouri where she worked for the Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages. During this period, she held positions in marketing and strategic planning and later moved to Washington, D.C. on an external assignment where she worked for the Foreign Affairs committee. In 1996, Hill-Ardoin became the first director of diversity at Southwestern Bell headquarters in San Antonio. The following year, she was named president of Southwestern Bell Missouri. In 1999, she became senior vice president of regulatory affairs in Washington, D.C. She was then named the regulatory compliance officer at Southwestern Bell headquarters in San Antonio in 2002, and later became the company's first chief privacy officer at the senior vice president level. She retired from her position at AT&T Inc. in 2007.

Hill-Ardoin served as president of the Houston Area Urban League in 1981, and was later elected to the board of directors for the Hawthorn Foundation in 1997. In 2003, she was appointed by Federal Communications Commission chairman Michael Powell to the Chairman's Advisory Commission on Diversity in Communications in the Digital Age. In 2005, after her son, Aaron, passed away from Sickle Cell Anemia, Hill-Ardoin and her husband established The Aaron Ardoin Foundation in Sickle Cell Research and Education. Hill-Ardoin was

appointed to the board of trustees at Washington University in 2006, and served on the board of directors for Enterprise Holdings.

Hill-Ardoin is also the recipient of The San Antonio Chamber of Commerce's Tribute to Women Business Leaders Legacy Award, the United Negro College Fund Excellence in Education Award, the Voices for Children Super Hero Award, the Girls Inc. Strong Smart and Bold Award, the Congressional Black Women Opening the Pipeline Award, the Purdue Distinguished Alumni Award, the Washington University Distinguished Alumni Award, and the Drury College Distinguished Alumni Award.

Hill-Ardoin and her husband, James Ardoin, had two sons, Aaron and Evan, and two grandchildren.

Priscilla Hill-Ardoin was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on February 22, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Priscilla Hill-Ardoin was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on February 22, 2019 and May 12, 2023, in New York, New York and St. Louis, Missouri, and was recorded on 15 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Corporate executive Priscilla Hill-Ardoin (1951 -) served in telecommunications for thirty-two years, including as senior vice president and the first chief privacy officer of AT&T, Inc.

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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:

Hill-Ardoin, Priscilla, 1951-

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Hill-Ardoin, Priscilla, 1951- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Corporate Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers

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

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