

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Arva Rice

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Rice, Arva, 1968-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Arva Rice,
Dates:	March 28, 2019
Bulk Dates:	2019
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:44:32).
Abstract:	Nonprofit executive Arva Rice (1968 -) served as president and CEO of the New York Urban League. Rice was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 28, 2019, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2019_024
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Nonprofit executive Arva Rice was born on February 23, 1968 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After graduating from Heritage Christian Schools in 1986, Rice received her B.S. degree in social policy from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois in 1990, and took post-graduate courses in education at the Teachers College at Columbia University in New York, New York.

After graduation, Rice moved to New York City where she received a fellowship from the NYC Urban Fellows Program, and worked in the office of political leader Ruth Messinger. In 1993, Rice was hired as the technical assistance director at the Fund for the City of New York. She then served as program director of economic literacy for Girls, Incorporated, where she partnered with American Express that brought about the publication of *Money Matters: An Economic Literacy Action Kit for Girls*. In 1999, Rice became executive director of Public Allies New York; and, then executive director of Project Enterprise in 2003. During her tenure, the agency doubled its revolving loan fund. In 2009, Rice became president and chief executive officer of the New York Urban League (NYUL), becoming the second woman to hold this position. In this role, Rice forged a partnership with the Mary J. Blige Foundation For the Advancement of Women Now (FFAWN) that resulted in establishing the inaugural Girls Empowerment Day and a four-year scholarship for an outstanding college-bound young woman. Under her leadership, the NYUL also allied with Jordan Fundamentals, the nonprofit organization run by Michael Jordan, providing students the opportunity to be trained as Team Jordan athletes through a ten-week sportsmanship program.

In 2010, Rice was appointed commissioner of the New York City Equal Employment Practices; and, in 2018, she was appointed commissioner of the Commission on Gender Equity. In 2018, Rice joined the board of trustees of First Corinthians Baptist Church. She was also a member of the New York Women's Forum and The Links.

In 2005, Rice was named a Network Journal Forty Under 40 honoree and was a grantee for the Robin Hood Foundation. In 2013, Rice was selected by the Annie E. Casey Foundation as one of sixteen leaders for its Children

and Family Fellows. Two years later, she received the Alumni Merit Award for the School of Education and Social Policy from Northwestern University.

Rice was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 28, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Arva Rice was conducted by Harriette Cole on March 28, 2019, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Nonprofit executive Arva Rice (1968 -) served as president and CEO of the New York Urban League.

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.

Controlled Access Terms

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

Persons:

Rice, Arva, 1968-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Rice, Arva, 1968- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Nonprofit Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

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

Video Oral History Interview with Arva Rice, Section A2019_024_001_001, TRT: 1:28:54 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Arva Rice, Section A2019_024_001_002, TRT: 2:28:54 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Arva Rice, Section A2019_024_001_003, TRT: 3:29:57 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Arva Rice, Section A2019_024_001_004, TRT: 4:28:16 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Arva Rice, Section A2019_024_001_005, TRT: 5:29:11 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Arva Rice, Section A2019_024_001_006, TRT: 6:29:33 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Arva Rice, Section A2019_024_001_007, TRT: 7:29:56 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Arva Rice, Section A2019_024_001_008, TRT: 8:19:51 ?