

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Antonio Dickey

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Dickey, Antonio
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Antonio Dickey,
Dates:	July 9, 2019
Bulk Dates:	2019
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:45:52).
Abstract:	Photographer Antonio Dickey (1955 -) served as the City of Chicago's chief mayoral photographer from 1983 to 2011, including the mayoral administrations of Harold Washington, Eugene Sawyer, and Richard M. Daley. Dickey was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on July 9, 2019, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2019_059
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Photographer Antonio Dickey was born on July 6, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, to Ceasar and Josephine Dickey. He attended Holy Angels Catholic Elementary School and St. Leo the Great Catholic School, graduating in 1966 and 1969. He went on to attend high school at De LaSalle Institute in Chicago, graduating in 1973. Later, Dickey attended Columbia College Chicago and Kennedy-King College in Chicago, where he studied photography and business.

Dickey began his career freelance photography career working with the photo bureaus United Press International and Associated Press. Covering sports and breaking news, he was also a stringer for the *Chicago Sun-Times* and the *Chicago Tribune*. From 1978 to 1980, he served as principal photographer and photo editor for the *Chicago Daily Defender* newspaper, where he covered news and sports. Dickey served as campaign photographer for the Harold Washington mayoral election team from 1982 to 1983. In 1983, he was named the official photographer for Harold Washington, the first African American to be elected mayor of the City of Chicago. He served in this role for four years, through 1987, when he was appointed chief mayoral photographer for the City of Chicago. In that capacity, Dickey served for the subsequent administrations of Eugene Sawyer, the second African American to serve as mayor of Chicago from 1987 to 1989, and six terms for Richard M. Daley, from 1989 to 2011. During his career, Dickey also photographed well-known figures including heads of state President Bill Clinton, President Barack Obama, South African President Nelson Mandela and China's President Hu Jintao. Additionally, he covered a range of key events such as the National Basketball Association's Chicago Bulls' six championships, the National Hockey League's Chicago Blackhawks' Championships, the Chicago Marathon and several Democratic National Conventions.

Dickey's photographic works are on permanent exhibit at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture and the Harold Washington Library in Chicago. He has been a member of the City Club of Chicago, the City of Chicago Alumni Network, and the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ). Dickey

received industry recognition for his work including the Best Photo of the Month Award from the Illinois Press Photographers Association in 1978, and the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) Best Photo of the Year Award in 1980.

Antonio Dickey was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on July 9, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Antonio Dickey was conducted by Harriette Cole on July 9, 2019, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Photographer Antonio Dickey (1955 -) served as the City of Chicago's chief mayoral photographer from 1983 to 2011, including the mayoral administrations of Harold Washington, Eugene Sawyer, and Richard M. Daley.

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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:

Dickey, Antonio

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Dickey, Antonio--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Photographer

HistoryMakers® Category:

ArtMakers

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 Antonio Dickey, Section A2019_059_001_001, TRT: 1:28:18 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Antonio Dickey, Section A2019_059_001_002, TRT: 2:28:54 ?

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- Video Oral History Interview with Antonio Dickey, Section A2019_059_001_004, TRT: 4:28:46 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Antonio Dickey, Section A2019_059_001_005, TRT: 5:28:04 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Antonio Dickey, Section A2019_059_001_006, TRT: 6:28:15 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Antonio Dickey, Section A2019_059_001_007, TRT: 7:33:32 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Antonio Dickey, Section A2019_059_001_008, TRT: 8:06:07 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Antonio Dickey, Section A2019_059_001_009, TRT: 9:15:57 ?