

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Wendy Van Amson

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Van Amson, Wendy, 1955-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Wendy Van Amson,
Dates:	August 15, 2019
Bulk Dates:	2019
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:05:30).
Abstract:	Nonprofit executive and dietician Wendy Van Amson (1955-) founded a private nutritional advising firm, before establishing and directing the Independent School Diversity Network. Temprow Van Amson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 15, 2019, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2019_071
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Nonprofit executive and dietitian Wendy Van Amson was born on July 18, 1955 in Brooklyn, New York to Carlton and Shirley Temprow. Van Amson attended P.S. 262, Meyer Levin Junior High School, and Midwood High School. She received a full scholarship to attend Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1972; and, in 1973, she transferred to New York University, where she received her B.S. degree in nutrition in 1976. Van Amson then received her M.P.H. degree in public health education from the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health in 1983.

In 1976, Van Amson completed a year-long dietetic internship at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston before working at Queens Hospital Center in New York until 1981. During graduate school, she worked for Project Return, a drug rehabilitation facility. In 1983, Van Amson launched her own private nutritional advising firm, Temprow and Associates, and worked as a registered dietitian and certified nutritionist, providing consultations to individuals, schools, therapeutic communities, and corporate nutrition education programs with a focus on preventative measures and public health. In 2003, Van Amson co-founded and became director of Independent School Diversity Network (ISDN) with retired actress Ester Moses Hatch, creating safe spaces for communication between parents and educators and acting as a support system for parents with African American students in private schools. Van Amson has also worked with the Anti-Racist Alliance movement for racial equity in New York, coordinating parent group meetings during the school year, educating parents on independent schools, and providing assistance with the college application process.

In 2005, Van Amson joined the board of directors of the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies and the board of directors for the student-run organization Diversity Awareness Initiative for Students in 2007. Van Amson was also a board member of the Nightingale Bamford School in New York and served on the board of trustees at the Bank Street College of Education.

Van Amson married George Van Amson in 1986, and the two reside in New York City. They have three children: Alexandra, Victoria, and Schuyler.

Wendy Van Amson was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on August 15, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Wendy Van Amson was conducted by Larry Crowe on August 15, 2019, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Nonprofit executive and dietician Wendy Van Amson (1955-) founded a private nutritional advising firm, before establishing and directing the Independent School Diversity Network.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access

Restrictions may be applied on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of The HistoryMakers®.

Restrictions on Use

All use of materials and use credits must be pre-approved by The HistoryMakers®. Appropriate credit must be given. Copyright is held by The HistoryMakers®.

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:

Van Amson, Wendy, 1955-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Van Amson, Wendy, 1955---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Dietician

Nonprofit Executive

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

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Wendy Van Amson, August 15, 2019. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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 Wendy Van Amson, Section A2019_071_001_001, TRT: 1:29:58 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Wendy Van Amson, Section A2019_071_001_002, TRT: 2:28:33 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Wendy Van Amson, Section A2019_071_001_003, TRT: 3:29:16 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Wendy Van Amson, Section A2019_071_001_004, TRT: 4:31:44 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Wendy Van Amson, Section A2019_071_001_005, TRT: 5:29:16 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Wendy Van Amson, Section A2019_071_001_006, TRT: 6:27:51 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Wendy Van Amson, Section A2019_071_001_007, TRT: 7:08:52 ?