

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Nancy Washington

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## Overview of the Collection

<b>Repository:</b>	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
<b>Creator:</b>	Washington, Nancy, 1939-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Nancy Washington,
<b>Dates:</b>	August 22, 2019
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2019
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:43:29).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Educator and academic administrator Nancy Washington (1939- ) worked at the University of Pittsburgh for twenty seven years, eventually becoming assistant to the chancellor. Washington was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 22, 2019, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2019_086
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Educator and academic administrator Nancy Washington, was born on March 5, 1939 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Courtney Duckrey and Tanner Duckrey. She received her B.S. degree in education from Boston University in 1960, and her M.Ed. degree from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1963. She went on to receive her M.S. degree from Temple University in 1967, and her Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Pittsburgh in 1973.

Washington began her twenty seven year career with the University of Pittsburgh in 1972 when she was hired as an assistant professor of psychology at the Greensburg campus, while also finishing her Ph.D. After graduating, she became a senate officer for the university, representing the Greensburg campus. She served on various committees around women's issues, and issues of affirmative action, campus safety, campus diversity, and budget policy. In 1979, she became an associate professor of psychology. Throughout the 1980s, Washington worked with the student affairs committee on issues of South Africa and developed minority enrollment and retention programs. In 1989, Washington was appointed to assistant professor of clinical epidemiology and family medicine and assistant dean of minority affairs at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. In February 1993, Chancellor J. Dennis O'Connor appointed Washington as assistant to the chancellor, where she focused on minority affairs at affiliated schools and helped the Black Action Society start a black cultural center on campus. In 1994, she helped establish the Center for Minority Health, with funding from the R.K. Mellon Foundation. Washington retired from the University of Pittsburgh in 1999.

During her career, Washington also served on various boards, including Pennsylvania's Council on the Arts, The Carnegie Museum of Art, the Pittsburgh Symphony, the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, and the Pittsburgh Foundation, where the Nancy and Milt Washington Fund was established in 1994.

Additionally, Washington has received many awards for her work, which include the YWCA's Voluntary

Community Service Leadership Award in 2001, the Humanitarian Award from Three Rivers Youth in 2008, the Outstanding Community Leaders Award by the Community College of Allegheny County in 2010, and the History Makers Award in the field of community service, given by the Senator John Heinz History Center for contributions to the history of Western Pennsylvania.

Washington has two daughters, Linda Armstrong and Lara Washington, as well as three grandchildren: Zoe, Kendall, and Tanner.

Nancy Washington was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on August 22, 2019.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Nancy Washington was conducted by Harriette Cole on August 22, 2019, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 6 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Educator and academic administrator Nancy Washington (1939- ) worked at the University of Pittsburgh for twenty seven years, eventually becoming assistant to the chancellor.

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## 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.

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## Controlled Access Terms

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

### Persons:

Washington, Nancy, 1939-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews  
Washington, Nancy, 1939---Interviews

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**Organizations:**

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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**Occupations:**

Academic Administrator

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Educator

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**HistoryMakers® Category:**

EducationMakers

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**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).

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**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.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Nancy Washington, Section A2019\_086\_001\_001, TRT: 1:13:01 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Nancy Washington, Section A2019\_086\_001\_002, TRT: 2:29:05 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Nancy Washington, Section A2019\_086\_001\_003, TRT: 3:30:28 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Nancy Washington, Section A2019\_086\_001\_004, TRT: 4:29:05 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Nancy Washington, Section A2019\_086\_001\_005, TRT: 5:31:50 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Nancy Washington, Section A2019\_086\_001\_006, TRT: 6:30:00 ?