

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Howard L. Fuller

Overview of the Collection

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| Repository: | The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com |
| Creator: | Fuller, Howard, 1941- |
| Title: | The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Howard L. Fuller, |
| Dates: | January 28, 2022 |
| Bulk Dates: | 2022 |
| Physical Description: | 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:14:23). |
| Abstract: | Educator and civil rights activist Howard Fuller (1941 -) served as founding president of Malcolm X Liberation University, secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Employment Relations, dean of general education at Milwaukee Area Technical College, director of the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services, superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools, professor of education and founding director of the Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University, and co-founder of the Black Alliance for Educational Options and the Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Fuller was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on January 28, 2022, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview. |
| Identification: | A2022_007 |
| Language: | The interview and records are in English. |

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Educator and civil rights activist Howard Fuller was born on January 14, 1941, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Juanita and Tom Fuller. He received his B.S. degree in sociology in 1962 from Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin, his M.S.A. degree in social work in 1964 from Western Reserve University, in Cleveland, Ohio, and his Ph.D. degree in the sociological foundations of education in 1985 from Marquette University, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In 1964, Fuller moved to Chicago to work as a community development specialist for the Urban League. In 1965, he became the director of community development at Operation Breakthrough in Durham, North Carolina. Fuller became the director of community organization at the North Carolina Fund and at the Foundation for Community Development, in Durham, in 1967. In 1969, he founded Malcolm X Liberation University, in Durham, serving as its president until its closure, in 1973. From 1972 to 1975, he served as a consultant for the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, in New York City, and from 1974 to 1976, he served as a business agent of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Local 77, in Durham. Fuller returned to Milwaukee in 1976 and served as a general agent for the Equitable Life Insurance Society until 1977, when he became associate director of the Educational Opportunity Program at Marquette University.

In 1983, Fuller became the secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Employment Relations. From 1986 to 1988, he served as dean of the general education division at Milwaukee Area Technical College, after which he became director of the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services. From 1991 to 1995, he served as superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools. From 1995 to 1997, Fuller was a senior fellow at the Annenberg

Institute for Social Reform, at Brown University, in Providence, Rhode Island. Also in 1995, he became a distinguished professor of education and founded the Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University, which he directed until his retirement in 2020. He co-founded the Black Alliance for Educational Options in 2000 and the CEO Leadership Academy (later the Milwaukee Collegiate Academy, then the Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy) in 2004. Fuller also has taught at the University of North Carolina, Shaw University, Carroll College, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Milwaukee Area Technical College.

Fuller's memoir, *No Struggle, No Progress: A Warrior's Life from Black Power to Education Reform*, was published in 2014.

Fuller has served on numerous boards, including as chair of the Black Alliance for Educational Options, the Alliance for Choices in Education in Milwaukee, the CEO Leadership Academy, Quest-Milwaukee, the Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy, and the Wisconsin Municipalities Private School Finance Commission. He has received honorary degrees from Carroll College, Marian College, Milwaukee School of Engineering, and Edgewood College.

Fuller and his wife, Deborah McGriff, live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has four children: Kelli Fuller, Darwin Mills, Malcolm Fuller, and Miata Fuller.

Fuller was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on January 28, 2022.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Howard L. Fuller was conducted by Larry Crowe on January 28, 2022, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Educator and civil rights activist Howard Fuller (1941 -) served as founding president of Malcolm X Liberation University, secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Employment Relations, dean of general education at Milwaukee Area Technical College, director of the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services, superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools, professor of education and founding director of the Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University, and co-founder of the Black Alliance for Educational Options and the Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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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:

- Fuller, Howard, 1941-
- Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)
- Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

- African Americans--Interviews
- Fuller, Howard, 1941---Interviews

Organizations:

- HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)
- The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection
- Marquette University
- Malcolm X Liberation University

Occupations:

- Educator
- Civil Rights Activist

HistoryMakers® Category:

- CivicMakers|EducationMakers

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 Howard L. Fuller, Section A2022_007_001_001, TRT: 1:28:41 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Howard L. Fuller, Section A2022_007_001_002, TRT: 2:29:14 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Howard L. Fuller, Section A2022_007_001_003, TRT: 3:29:02 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Howard L. Fuller, Section A2022_007_001_004, TRT: 4:28:52 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Howard L. Fuller, Section A2022_007_001_005, TRT: 5:29:00 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Howard L. Fuller, Section A2022_007_001_006, TRT: 6:26:41 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Howard L. Fuller, Section A2022_007_001_007, TRT: 7:22:53 ?