

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Rehema Ellis

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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>	Ellis, Rehema
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Rehema Ellis,
<b>Dates:</b>	April 26, 2022
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2022
<b>Physical Description:</b>	11 uncompressed MOV digital video files (5:08:39).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Broadcast journalist Rehema Ellis (1954 - ) is the chief education correspondent for NBC News. She has won three Emmys for her reporting. Ellis was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 26, 2022, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2022_044
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Broadcast journalist Rehema Ellis was born on April 10, 1952, in North Carolina to Cattie Jame McLaughlin-Ellis and John Ellis. She received her B.A. degree in sociology in 1974 from Simmons College, in Boston, Massachusetts, and her master's degree in 1977 from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, in New York City.

After graduate school, Ellis was hired at KDKA Radio and TV in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1980. She remained there until 1985, when she joined WHDH-TV in Boston, Massachusetts as a reporter and weekend anchor. In 1994, Ellis became a general assignment correspondent at NBC News, where she covered events like 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, the death of Michael Jackson, and the Haiti earthquake. In her coverage of 9/11, she was the first person to identify the attack on air as "Nine-Eleven." She won a News & Documentary Emmy Award for Outstanding Live Coverage of a Current News Story – Long Form for her coverage of the 2008 United States Presidential election for *NBC News Decision 2008: Election Night*. In 2010, Ellis was named the chief education correspondent for NBC News and it's Education Nation initiative. Her reports have appeared on NBC Nightly News, TODAY, MSNBC, and NBCNews.com.

Ellis received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Simmons University in 1996, and an honorary doctorate degree in journalism in 2000. She is also the recipient of several Associated Press awards. Ellis was part of the NBC Emmy award-winning coverage of the plane crash in the Hudson River called "Miracle on the Hudson" in 2008, for which she also won an Edward R. Murrow Award from the Radio Television Digital News Association. She won another News & Documentary Emmy Award for Outstanding Live Coverage of a Current News Story – Long Form in 2013 for her reporting on the NBC News Special segment on the Boston Marathon bombing. In 2019, Ellis won a National Association of Black Journalists Salute to Excellence Award for Television Network-General Assignment News: Short Form.

Ellis and her son, Khorl, live in New York, New York.

Rehema Ellis was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on April 26, 2022.

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# Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Rehema Ellis was conducted by Harriette Cole on April 26, 2022, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 11 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Broadcast journalist Rehema Ellis (1954 - ) is the chief education correspondent for NBC News. She has won three Emmys for her reporting.

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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:

Ellis, Rehema

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Ellis, Rehema--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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NBC News.

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### Occupations:

Broadcast Journalist

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### HistoryMakers® Category:

MediaMakers

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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

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Rehema Ellis, April 26, 2022. 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).

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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 Rehema Ellis, Section A2022\_044\_001\_001, TRT: 1:30:26 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Rehema Ellis, Section A2022\_044\_001\_002, TRT: 2:30:10 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Rehema Ellis, Section A2022\_044\_001\_003, TRT: 3:30:13 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Rehema Ellis, Section A2022\_044\_001\_004, TRT: 4:31:02 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Rehema Ellis, Section A2022\_044\_001\_005, TRT: 5:28:55 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Rehema Ellis, Section A2022\_044\_001\_006, TRT: 6:29:38 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Rehema Ellis, Section A2022\_044\_001\_007, TRT: 7:30:34 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Rehema Ellis, Section A2022\_044\_001\_008, TRT: 8:28:34 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Rehema Ellis, Section A2022\_044\_001\_009, TRT: 9:29:31 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Rehema Ellis, Section A2022\_044\_001\_010, TRT: 10:29:32 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with Rehema Ellis, Section A2022\_044\_001\_011, TRT: 11:10:04 ?