

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with V. P. Franklin

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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>	Franklin, V. P. (Vincent P.), 1947-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with V. P. Franklin,
<b>Dates:</b>	June 16, 2022
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2022
<b>Physical Description:</b>	14 uncompressed MOV digital video files (8:42:27).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Historian V. P. Franklin (1947 - ) served as the editor of The Journal of African American History from 2001 to 2018 and as Distinguished Professor of History and Education at the University of California, Riverside. Franklin directed African American Studies programs at Yale, Arizona State, and Drexel universities and is the author of five books. Franklin was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on June 16, 2022, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2022_066
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Historian V. P. Franklin was born on October 19, 1947 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Cecilia Smith and Vincent Franklin. He received his B.A. degree in history in 1969 from Pennsylvania State University in University Park, Pennsylvania, his M.A. degree in teaching in 1970 from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and his Ph.D. degree in the history of education in 1975 from the University of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois.

Franklin taught in several Boston, Cambridge, and Philadelphia public schools and colleges before receiving his Ph.D. degree. He then joined the faculty of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign before being hired as a professor of the history of education at Yale University in 1977. In 1985, Franklin served as a scholar-in-residence at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture at the New York Public Library before accepting a position as a professor at Arizona State University in Tempe. In 1990, Franklin joined the faculty of Drexel University in Philadelphia. He held subsequent faculty positions at Teachers College, Columbia University; Xavier University of Louisiana; Uppsala University; Dillard University; and the University of California, Riverside, from which he retired in 2015 as Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History and Education. Franklin directed African American Studies programs at Yale, Arizona State, and Drexel universities. From 2001 to 2018, Franklin served as the editor of *The Journal of African American History*.

Franklin is the author of five books: *The Education of Black Philadelphia* (1979), *Black Self-Determination* (1984), *Living Our Stories, Telling Our Truths* (1996), *Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Biography* (1998), and *The Young Crusaders* (2021). He has co-edited six books.

Franklin has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the Carter G. Woodson Medallion for Outstanding Achievement in African American History from the Association for the Study of African American

History in 2002, the Cheikh A. Diop-Ida B. Wells Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Africana Studies from the National Council of Black Studies in 2011, and the Outstanding Alumnus Award from Penn State University in 2020.

Franklin lives in New Orleans, Louisiana.

V. P. Franklin was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on June 16, 2022.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with V. P. Franklin was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on June 16, 2022, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 14 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Historian V. P. Franklin (1947 - ) served as the editor of *The Journal of African American History* from 2001 to 2018 and as Distinguished Professor of History and Education at the University of California, Riverside. Franklin directed African American Studies programs at Yale, Arizona State, and Drexel universities and is the author of five books.

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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:

Franklin, V. P. (Vincent P.), 1947-

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews  
Franklin, V. P. (Vincent P.), 1947---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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University of California, Riverside

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## Occupations:

Education Professor

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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

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with V. P. Franklin, June 16, 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 V. P. Franklin, Section A2022\_066\_001\_001, TRT: 1:33:17 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with V. P. Franklin, Section A2022\_066\_001\_002, TRT: 2:42:01 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with V. P. Franklin, Section A2022\_066\_001\_003, TRT: 3:28:40 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with V. P. Franklin, Section A2022\_066\_001\_004, TRT: 4:35:58 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with V. P. Franklin, Section A2022\_066\_001\_005, TRT: 5:40:10 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with V. P. Franklin, Section A2022\_066\_001\_006, TRT: 6:44:51 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with V. P. Franklin, Section A2022\_066\_001\_007, TRT: 7:35:43 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with V. P. Franklin, Section A2022\_066\_001\_008, TRT: 8:53:16 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with V. P. Franklin, Section A2022\_066\_001\_009, TRT: 9:33:13 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with V. P. Franklin, Section A2022\_066\_001\_010, TRT: 10:58:48 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with V. P. Franklin, Section A2022\_066\_001\_011, TRT: 11:35:23 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with V. P. Franklin, Section A2022\_066\_001\_012, TRT: 12:32:05 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with V. P. Franklin, Section A2022\_066\_001\_013, TRT: 13:39:21 ?  
Video Oral History Interview with V. P. Franklin, Section A2022\_066\_001\_014, TRT: 14:09:41 ?