

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Julia Reed Hare

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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>	Hare, Julia
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Julia Reed Hare,
<b>Dates:</b>	April 5, 2004
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2004
<b>Physical Description:</b>	4 Betacame SP videocassettes (1:56:50).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Psychologist Julia Reed Hare (1939 - 2019) was the former director of educational programs at the Oakland Museum and hosted talk shows for both ABC television and KSFO radio stations. Hare also co-founded The Black Think Tank located in San Francisco, California and appeared on several television programs offering her expertise and insights on male/female relationships and other issues. Hare was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 5, 2004, in San Francisco, California. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2004_040
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

The dynamic motivational lecturer, relationship expert, author, social commentator and educational psychologist Dr. Julia Hare was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Hare has appeared on several television programs offering her expertise and insights on male/female relationships, gender interactions in the workplace, mate selection, toxic relationships and matrimonial harmony. She has appeared on *CNN & Company*, C-SPAN, *Tony Brown's Journal* and *Inside Edition*. Hare has also spoken before the Congressional Black Caucus, participated in Tavis Smiley's "State of the Black Family" Conference and spoke at the annual Essence Empowerment Seminars at the *Essence* Magazine Culture Festival. Her written work has been featured in several magazines and newspapers including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Miami Herald*. Hare and her husband co-authored *The Endangered Black Family; Bringing the Black Boy to Manhood: The Passage, The Miseducation of The Black Child*, *Crisis in Black Sexual Politics* and *How to Find and Keep a BMW (Black Man Working)*.

Hare, along with her husband, Dr. Nathan Hare, formed The Black Think Tank located in San Francisco, California. Their consulting firm focuses on issues affecting the black family.

Dr. Julia Hare's work has brought her many awards and honors including Educator of the Year for Washington, D.C. by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and *World Book Encyclopedia* in coordination with American University; The Abe Lincoln Award for Outstanding Broadcasting, The Carter G. Woodson Education Award, The Association of Black Social Workers' Harambee Award; the Scholar of the Year Award from the Association of African Historians; and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Black Writers and Artists Union. Hare has been inducted into the Hall of Fame of her high school alma mater, Booker T. Washington High, was given a Presidential citation from the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education and was named one of the ten most influential African Americans in the San Francisco Bay Area.

During graduate school, Hare taught elementary school in Chicago, Illinois integrating music into the student's lessons. Following a move to California, Hare served as the director of educational programs at the Oakland Museum and later hosted talk shows for both ABC television and KSFO radio stations. She also served as the public relations director in the local federal housing program in San Francisco.

Her formal education includes a B.A. in music from Langston University of Langston, Oklahoma; a M.A. degree in music education from Roosevelt University located in Chicago, Illinois and a Ph.D. in education from the California Coast University in Santa Ana, California.

Hare passed away on February 25, 2019.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Julia Reed Hare was conducted by Loretta Henry on April 5, 2004, in San Francisco, California, and was recorded on 4 Betacame SP videocassettes. Psychologist Julia Reed Hare (1939 - 2019) was the former director of educational programs at the Oakland Museum and hosted talk shows for both ABC television and KSFO radio stations. Hare also co-founded The Black Think Tank located in San Francisco, California and appeared on several television programs offering her expertise and insights on male/female relationships and other issues.

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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:

Hare, Julia

Henry, Loretta (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews  
Hare, Julia--Interviews

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African American psychologists--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:

Psychologist

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

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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 Julia Reed Hare, Section A2004\_040\_001\_001, TRT: 0:28:40 ?

Julia Reed Hare was born on November 7, 1939 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her mother, Beatrice Brown Reed, was born in Denison, Texas where she helped her widowed mother take care of her younger brothers, and moved to Tulsa at the age of sixteen. Hare's mother was a skilled musician who taught her and her four siblings to play the piano. Hare's father, Will Reed, was raised by his grandparents in Nashville, Tennessee. Later, he and his sister moved to Tulsa where he met Hare's mother and worked as a laborer for the train station which allowed him to take his family on trips to California. Hare was close to her maternal uncles, who would often visit and bring produce for canning. Hare remembers the musical sounds and smell of sweet potato pie in the insular African American neighborhood of North Tulsa where she was raised. She attended Mount Zion Baptist Church and Booker T. Washington Elementary School. Her father told her stories about the 1921 Tulsa race riot which devastated the thriving African American community.

Video Oral History Interview with Julia Reed Hare, Section A2004\_040\_001\_002, TRT: 0:29:30 ?

Julia Reed Hare was a curious child who always asked questions and aspired to leave Tulsa, Oklahoma. She spent her free time playing piano, listening to the radio and attending day camp in the summer. Hare attended segregated schools in Tulsa where the principals used inspirational quotes to teach the students self-esteem, but some teachers were prejudiced against darker-skinned students. She attended Booker T. Washington Elementary School, George Washington Carver Middle School and Booker T. Washington High School where she made friends she still keeps in touch with. Throughout her schooling Hare enjoyed music and the dramatic arts. She decided to attend Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma where she received a scholarship as the university organist and became a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. After graduating in 1960, Hare taught music at Langston for a year before attending Roosevelt University's School of Music for graduate school in Chicago, Illinois.

Video Oral History Interview with Julia Reed Hare, Section A2004\_040\_001\_003, TRT: 0:28:40 ?

Julia Reed Hare was an elementary school teacher while studying at Roosevelt University's School of Music in Chicago, Illinois. She then went to Washington, D.C. to work at the District of Columbia Teachers College. Later, Hare became the first director of education for the Oakland Museum of California and attracted a more diverse audience and put African Americans on the museum board for the first time. She also worked for the National Committee against Discrimination in Housing in San Francisco before hosting a radio shows for KFSO and later KGO-AM where she interviewed people ranging from performers to politicians. Hare earned her educational and social psychology degrees at California Coast University in Santa Ana, and in 1979, founded The Black Think Tank with her husband HistoryMaker Nathan Hare, to address issues surrounding the African American family. Together, they wrote 'Bringing the Black Boy to Manhood: The Passage' and 'Crisis in Black Sexual Politics,' and Hare lectures on related topics.

Video Oral History Interview with Julia Reed Hare, Section A2004\_040\_001\_004, TRT: 0:30:00 ?

Julia Reed Hare talks about the research she has done with her husband, HistoryMaker Nathan Hare, on African American families, which they have found are growing weaker for a variety of reasons. She believes that African American students would benefit from schools that are community based and should cater to the needs of the community. Hare is proud that she has had many different careers and she talks about the importance of the values that her parents taught her, which include to always remember the bridge that brought you safely across. In her free time, Hare loves to play piano and read. She talks about her spiritual growth and desire to one day write a romance novel. Hare describes her hopes for the African American community and how she would like to be remembered; she concludes by narrating her photographs.