

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Christopher Williams

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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>	Williams, Christopher J., 1957-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Christopher Williams,
<b>Dates:</b>	November 11, 2013
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2013
<b>Physical Description:</b>	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:52:20).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Investment banker Christopher Williams (1957 - ) served as founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of the Williams Capital Group, L.P. and Williams Capital Management, LLC; and as a trustee of Williams Capital Management Trust. Williams was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on November 11, 2013, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2013_286
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Investment banker Christopher J. Williams was born in 1958 in New Milford, Connecticut. Williams attended Howard University and graduated with his B.A. degree in 1979. He then enrolled in Dartmouth College and went on to receive his M.B.A. degree in finance from the Amos Tuck School of Business in 1981.

Williams began his investment banking career with Lehman Brothers in New York City where he rose to the level of senior vice president before leaving the firm in 1992. While there, he was responsible for several areas, including debt capital markets as well as trading derivatives and fixed income securities. Following Lehman Brothers, Williams formed Williams Financial Markets, a division of Jeffries & Company, Inc., which specialized in structuring debt financings for investment grade corporate borrowers. In 1994, Williams and his wife, Janice Savin Williams, founded the Williams Capital Group, L.P. and Williams Capital Management, LLC; and, in 2002, he became the founder, chairman, and chief executive officer. He has directed Williams Capital's strategic effort in investment banking and its expansion into asset management. Williams also served as a trustee of Williams Capital Management Trust management.

Williams has served on the board of directors of Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., the Partnership for New York City, the Securities Industry Association, and the National Association of Securities Professionals. His memberships include the Economic Club of New York, the Gotham Chapter of the Young President's Organization and the Century Association. Williams also served as a member of several not-for-profit boards, including the National Dance Institute, WNYC radio, the Mt. Sinai Hospital, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, the Teachers College at Columbia University, the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, and the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. Williams Capital is also a supporter of The Fresh Air Fund and Partnership with Children.

In 2002, Williams was selected by *Fortune* magazine as one of the 50 most powerful African Americans in

corporate America. In addition, Williams Capital was ranked as the largest minority-owned investment bank in the June of 2002 issue of *Black Enterprise* magazine. In 2003, Williams was listed in *Crains New York Business* magazine as one of the top 100 minority business leaders. He also received the Executive Leadership Council Achievement Award in 2012.

Christopher J. Williams was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on November 11, 2013.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Christopher Williams was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on November 11, 2013, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Investment banker Christopher Williams (1957 - ) served as founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of the Williams Capital Group, L.P. and Williams Capital Management, LLC; and as a trustee of Williams Capital Management Trust.

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### 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:

Williams, Christopher J., 1957-

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Williams, Christopher J., 1957---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:

Investment Banker

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers

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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 Christopher Williams, November 11, 2013. 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 Christopher Williams, Section A2013\_286\_001\_001, TRT: 1:32:59 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Christopher Williams, Section A2013\_286\_001\_002, TRT: 2:29:32 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Christopher Williams, Section A2013\_286\_001\_003, TRT: 3:31:41 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Christopher Williams, Section A2013\_286\_001\_004, TRT: 4:28:08 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Christopher Williams, Section A2013\_286\_001\_005, TRT: 5:32:07 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Christopher Williams, Section A2013\_286\_001\_006, TRT: 6:30:38 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Christopher Williams, Section A2013\_286\_001\_007, TRT: 7:28:28 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Christopher Williams, Section A2013\_286\_001\_008, TRT: 8:10:19 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Christopher Williams, Section A2013\_286\_001\_009, TRT: 9:08:28 ?