

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Jerome Taylor

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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>	Taylor, Jerome, 1940-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Jerome Taylor,
<b>Dates:</b>	June 10, 2014
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2014
<b>Physical Description:</b>	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:58:40).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Psychologist and africana studies professor Jerome Taylor (1940 - ) served as director of the Clinical Psychology Center, chair of the Graduate Program in Social Psychology, and associate professor and chair of the Department of Africana Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Taylor also established and served as executive director, president and founder of The Center for Family Excellence, Inc. Taylor was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on June 10, 2014, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2014_168
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Psychologist and Africana studies professor Jerome Taylor was born on January 26, 1940 in Waukegan, Illinois to Willie Mae Taylor and George Washington. Taylor earned his B.A. degree from the University of Denver in 1961, and his Ph.D. degree in clinical psychology from Indiana University Bloomington in 1965.

Upon graduation, Taylor received and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in child and adolescent psychology at the Menninger Clinic of Topeka, Kansas. He then served as director of the county's Mental Health Unit from 1968 to 1969. In 1969, Taylor moved to the University of Pittsburgh, where he was named director of the Clinical Psychology Center. He went on to serve as chair of the Graduate Program in Social Psychology, and as associate professor and chair of the Department of Africana Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. In psychology, he has chaired more than twenty-five dissertation committees of African American students, a record at the University of Pittsburgh.

Taylor served as a consulting editor for the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, and has published articles in a number of scholarly journals. He has also presented his research and development activities at numerous institutions of higher learning, including Howard University, Hampton University, Florida A & M University, Princeton University, Yale University, and Oxford University.

Originally conceived in 1970, Taylor founded the Institute for the Black Family at the University of Pittsburgh and the Center for Family Excellence, Inc. in 1988, which serves Allegheny County, and went on to serve as its executive director, president and founder. The Center for Family Excellence, Inc. has received the Alfred W. Wishart Jr. Award, and its violence prevention program has been rated as the best in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Taylor's awards include the University of Pittsburgh Chancellor's Distinguished Public Service Award; University of Pittsburgh Black Alumni Pioneer in Civil Rights Award; the Distinguished Research Award from the International Association of Black Psychologists; the Kujichagulia Award from the Sankofa Institute of Pittsburgh; and the Norman Dixon Award for Outstanding Black Faculty Member. Taylor is a member of the Association of Black Psychologists and the National Institute of Black Child Development.

Jerome Taylor was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on June 10, 2014.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Jerome Taylor was conducted by Larry Crowe on June 10, 2014, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Psychologist and africana studies professor Jerome Taylor (1940 - ) served as director of the Clinical Psychology Center, chair of the Graduate Program in Social Psychology, and associate professor and chair of the Department of Africana Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Taylor also established and served as executive director, president and founder of The Center for Family Excellence, Inc.

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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:

Taylor, Jerome, 1940-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews  
Taylor, Jerome, 1940---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:

Nonprofit Executive

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

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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 Jerome Taylor, Section A2014\_168\_001\_001, TRT: 1:29:44 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Jerome Taylor, Section A2014\_168\_001\_002, TRT: 2:29:19 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Jerome Taylor, Section A2014\_168\_001\_003, TRT: 3:29:33 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Jerome Taylor, Section A2014\_168\_001\_004, TRT: 4:28:40 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Jerome Taylor, Section A2014\_168\_001\_005, TRT: 5:28:45 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Jerome Taylor, Section A2014\_168\_001\_006, TRT: 6:29:34 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Jerome Taylor, Section A2014\_168\_001\_007, TRT: 7:31:58 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Jerome Taylor, Section A2014\_168\_001\_008, TRT: 8:31:07 ?