

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Joan M. Prince

Overview of the Collection

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Creator:	Prince, Joan M., 1954-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Joan M. Prince,
Dates:	November 28, 2007
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Physical Description:	5 Betacame SP videocassettes (2:18:10).
Abstract:	Academic administrator Joan M. Prince (1954 -) was named Vice Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2000. She was the first African American to finish the University of Wisconsin-Madison's medical technology program and its clinical laboratory master's program in 1992. Prince was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on November 28, 2007, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2007_332
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Hematologist Joan Marie Prince was born on January 14, 1954 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and grew up in the neighborhood around 12th and Center Streets. Prince attended Wisconsin Lutheran School, graduating in 1971. She became a student at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

In 1977 and 1981 respectively, Prince earned her B.A. and B.S. degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She was the first African American to finish the school's medical technology program and its clinical laboratory master's program in 1992.

Prince joined St. Joseph's Hospital, becoming a hematologist. In 1981, Prince became an associate member of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, and the following year joined the Group Cancer and the Black Community. In 1983, she became a member of the Black Women's Health Project, and joined the McDonalds House speakers' bureau in 1984 and the American Cancer Society's board of directors one year later.

In 1988, Prince became the supervisor in hematology for the Medical Science Labs, and in 1989, the Milwaukee Public Library named her a black role model. She also began working for the University of Wisconsin's medical school around this time, to implement the Health Professions Partnerships Initiative collaborative project as lead strategist. Prince also worked for Covenant Health Care Systems as a clinical laboratory supervisor.

Prince was named Vice Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2000, where she managed the University's external relations program. She earned her Ph.D. from the University in urban education with a focus on medical science education, and was named one of the ten most powerful women in Milwaukee in the February 2006 issue of *Milwaukee* magazine.

Prince was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on November 28, 2007.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Joan M. Prince was conducted by Larry Crowe on November 28, 2007, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was recorded on 5 Betacame SP videocassettes. Academic administrator Joan M. Prince (1954 -) was named Vice Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2000. She was the first African American to finish the University of Wisconsin-Madison's medical technology program and its clinical laboratory master's program in 1992.

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Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

Prince, Joan M., 1954-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Prince, Joan M., 1954- --Interviews

African American women educators--Interviews.

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Occupations:

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Administrative Information

Custodial History

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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).

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.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Joan M. Prince, Section A2007_332_001_001, TRT: 0:29:55 ?

Joan Prince was born on January 14, 1954 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Prince is the daughter of Jeanetta and Eugene Prince, who were from Roswell, New Mexico and Santoy, Ohio, respectively. Prince describes her family background. Her maternal grandfather, Reuben Woodard, was the sheriff of Roswell, New Mexico. Her paternal grandfather, Timothy Prince, was a chauffeur in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Prince's paternal grandparents separated when Prince's father was a child, and he did not see his mother again until he was an adult. Prince describes her father's reunion with his mother, who remarried and had eight children. As a member of the U.S. Army Air Forces, Prince's father was stationed at the Walker Air Force Base in Roswell where he met Prince's mother, who worked at the base, in 1947. Prince shares her father's stories about the Roswell UFO incident in 1947. She also describes her father's high school aspirations. Prince talks about her parents' factory jobs at A.O. Smith and Bricks & Stratton in Milwaukee.

Unidentified flying objects--Sightings and encounters--New Mexico--Roswell.
Wife abuse--United States.

Children of divorced parents--United States.

Family--History.

Video Oral History Interview with Joan M. Prince, Section A2007_332_001_002, TRT: 0:29:00 ?

Joan Prince shares how her parents met. Her mother worked at the U.S. Army Air Forces Base in Roswell, New Mexico, where Prince's father had been transferred. Prince goes on to describe her likeness to her parents, her earliest memories, and the sights, sounds, and smells of her childhood in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. During family vacations back to Roswell, Prince remembers sleeping in the car overnight while traveling through segregated areas. She recalls her childhood home burning down and speculates on the fire's connection to anti-Civil Rights activity. Though her family did not participate in the Civil Rights Movement, they lived near the parish of Father Groppi, a prominent civil rights leader and organizer. The family home was later rebuilt on the same site. As a girl, Prince was an avid reader who wanted to become a physician. In Milwaukee, Prince initially attended public grade schools. Her parents later enrolled her in St. Philip's Lutheran School.

African American Lutherans.

Race relations--Milwaukee--Wisconsin.

Migration, Internal--United States.

Groppi, James, 1930-1985

Video Oral History Interview with Joan M. Prince, Section A2007_332_001_003, TRT: 0:30:10 ?

Joan Prince talks about her experience at St. Philip's Lutheran School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Prince was interested in outer space as a child and used a letter-writing assignment to ask Bell Laboratories for information on the satellite Telstar. The company sent her a box of photos, coloring books, and a small model of the satellite. In 1967, she enrolled at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee, where she experienced frequent racial discrimination as one of nine black students at the school. After high school, she attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM), where she majored in medical technology and took electives in the Afro Studies department. She talks about a favorite professor, Tejumola Ologboni, and turbulent race relations at the school. Prince went on to earn her M.A. degree and Ph.D. from UWM as well. In between, she ran a hospital laboratory, where she specialized in hematology. Prince recounts dealing with racism while interning at Columbia Hospital in

Milwaukee.

Race relations--Milwaukee--Wisconsin.

Racism in education--United States.

Sexism in education--United States.

Women in medicine.

Hematology.

University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee--Alumni and alumnae.

Project Telstar.

Video Oral History Interview with Joan M. Prince, Section A2007_332_001_004, TRT: 0:29:00 ?

Joan Prince began working at the University of Wisconsin Medical School in Madison, Wisconsin in 1989, where she taught hematology and helped start the Health Professionals Partnership Initiative, a math and science enhancement program. While working at the medical school and teaching as an ad hoc instructor, she earned her Ph.D. in Urban Education with a specialty in medical science education. She explains her dissertation and the importance of teacher expectations in black students' performance. Prince was appointed Vice Chancellor for Partnerships and Innovation at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) in 2000. She talks about her efforts to increase inclusivity and cultural competence on campus. Prince talks about boards she sat on at the time of the interview and notes her commitment to health, education, and foundation work. Prince talks about her future plans and reflects on the changes at UWM since she began as a student there. She describes her hopes and concerns for the black community.

Compensatory education--United States.

University of Wisconsin--Madison. Dept. of Medicine.

University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee--Alumni and alumnae.

Race relations--Milwaukee--Wisconsin.

Teachers--Training of--United States.

Critical pedagogy--United States.

Video Oral History Interview with Joan M. Prince, Section A2007_332_001_005, TRT: 0:20:05 ?

Joan Prince reflects upon her life and what she would do differently. She also talks about her legacy, and how she would like to be remembered. Prince describes her extended family, her mentees, and how she thinks about family. She concludes by narrating her photographs.

African American extended families.