

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Edwin Dorn

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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>	Dorn, Edwin
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Edwin Dorn,
<b>Dates:</b>	February 2, 2013 and May 9, 2014
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2013 and 2014
<b>Physical Description:</b>	11 uncompressed MOV digital video files (5:03:16).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Presidential appointee and public policy professor Edwin Dorn (1945 - ) was the former Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness under President William J. Clinton, and the Dean of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. Dorn was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on February 2, 2013 and May 9, 2014, in Austin, Texas. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2013_021
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Presidential appointee and public policy professor Edwin Dorn was born on March 26, 1945 in Crockett, Texas to parents Edgar and Mary Dorn. Dorn attended Jack Yates High School in Houston, Texas, and in 1967, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Texas at Austin. He studied in England on a Fulbright Fellowship, received his M.A. degree from Indiana University, and completed his Ph.D. degree in political science at Yale University in 1978. He also spent two years on active duty as a captain in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany.

From 1977 to 1981, Dorn worked in Washington, D.C. as a political appointee in the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and in the U.S. Department of Education. He then served as a senior researcher at the Joint Center for Political Studies, and later as a senior staff member at the Brookings Institution.

In 1993, President William J. Clinton nominated, and the U.S. Senate confirmed Dorn for the senior Department of Defense position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Personnel. A year later, he was nominated and confirmed as the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. From 1997 to 2005, Dorn served as dean of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, where he oversaw the creation of several new programs and set a record for fund-raising. He continues to teach at the University of Texas as a professor of public policy.

Dorn's major publications include *Rules and Racial Equality* (Yale University Press) and *Who Defends America* (Joint Center Press). He also is the author of dozens of articles, reports, and opinion pieces. He was an advisor to two public television series: *Congress: We The People*, and *Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years*, and a commentator on National Public Radio's "Tell Me More," hosted by Michel Martin.

Dorn serves as a trustee of the Kettering Foundation, the Institute for Defense Analyses, and the Seton Family of Hospitals. In 1998, he was named a Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Texas at Austin.

Edwin Dorn was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on February 2, 2013.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Edwin Dorn was conducted by Larry Crowe on February 2, 2013 and May 9, 2014, in Austin, Texas, and was recorded on 11 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Presidential appointee and public policy professor Edwin Dorn (1945 - ) was the former Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness under President William J. Clinton, and the Dean of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin.

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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:

Dorn, Edwin

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Dorn, Edwin--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:

Federal Government Appointee

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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

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Edwin Dorn, February 2, 2013 and May 9, 2014.  
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 Edwin Dorn, Section A2013\_021\_001\_001, TRT: 1:28:51 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Edwin Dorn, Section A2013\_021\_001\_002, TRT: 2:28:57 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Edwin Dorn, Section A2013\_021\_001\_003, TRT: 3:31:56 ?

- Video Oral History Interview with Edwin Dorn, Section A2013\_021\_001\_004, TRT: 4:29:58 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Edwin Dorn, Section A2013\_021\_001\_005, TRT: 5:30:58 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Edwin Dorn, Section A2013\_021\_001\_006, TRT: 6:30:19 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Edwin Dorn, Section A2013\_021\_002\_007, TRT: 7:28:53 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Edwin Dorn, Section A2013\_021\_002\_008, TRT: 8:29:37 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Edwin Dorn, Section A2013\_021\_002\_009, TRT: 9:28:54 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Edwin Dorn, Section A2013\_021\_002\_010, TRT: 10:25:36 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Edwin Dorn, Section A2013\_021\_002\_011, TRT: 11:09:17 ?