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Summary Information

Repository:	People's Archive, MLK Library
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Creator:	Crutchfield, Edith Amanda, 1936-
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Biographical / Historical

Max Peterson is an educator at The Center for Inspired Teaching and has been co-teacher of Real World History since 2017. Mr. Peterson completed these interviews in connection to his thesis work for Columbia University's Oral History Master of Arts program.

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Content Description

Creating and Teaching Real World History is a companion project to the Center for Inspired Teaching 'Real World History' Oral History Project. This project includes interviews with Cosby Hunt, a native Washingtonian and creator of the Real World History Class, and Ms. Edith Crutchfield, a long-time

D.C. resident who moved to Washington from Culpeper, Virginia, in 1953. Ms. Crutchfield first became involved with Real World History when she collaborated on an oral history project with a student in the fall of 2018. Ms. Edith's interview from Real World History can be found in the Center for Inspired Teaching 'Real World History' Oral History Project. The interviews in this collection, of both Mr. Hunt and Ms. Crutchfield, take a life history approach in which the interviewees discuss some of their life experiences beginning with their early life. Over the course of several interviews, Mr. Hunt discusses his upbringing in Washington, his career as a high school history teacher, and the development of the Real World History Class; Ms. Edith discusses her upbringing in Culpeper, her move to Washington in 1953, and her life and career in the District.

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Arrangement

Interviews are group into two series: Series 1: Cosby Hunt Series 2: Edith Crutchfield

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Administrative Information

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Revision Description

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Custodial History

Max Peterson donated the collection to DC Public Library in 2020.

Processing Information

The collection recieved minimal procesing. Files were renamed to adhere to DCPL naming conventions.

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Related Materials

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Collection 194: Center for Inspired Teaching 'Real World History' Oral History Project

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Controlled Access Headings

- Migration, Internal
- Families
- African Americans
- Oral History
- Black persons

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Cosby Hunt, 1931 -2020, undated

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Sub-Series 1: Interviews, 2020-10

Title/Description	Instances
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Session 1, 2020-10-13

Creator: Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

Creator: Peterson, Max

Biographical / Historical

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Session 2, 2020-10-20

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Creator: Peterson, Max

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Session 3, 2020-10-27

Creator: Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

Creator: Peterson, Max

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Session 4, 2021-01-21

Creator: Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

Creator: Peterson, Max

Biographical / Historical

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Controlled Access Headings:

- African Americans
- Teachers
- High Schools
- Families
- Community organization
- Education
- Gentrification
- Statehood (American politics)
- Black persons

Session 5, 2021-02-25

Creator: Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

Creator: Peterson, Max

Biographical / Historical

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Scope and Contents

This is the fifth session of an oral history interview with Cosby Hunt, a career educator, native Washingtonian, and creator of Real World History. In this interview Cosby Hunt discusses his experience working at Center for Inspired Teaching and the creation of the Real World History Program (RWH) in 2014. He also talks about the structure of the program in its first year, school year 2014-2015.

Controlled Access Headings:

- African Americans
- Museums
- Art
- Teachers
- Education
- High school students
- Black persons

Session 6, 2021-03-17

Creator: Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

Creator: Peterson, Max

Biographical / Historical

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Scope and Contents

This is the sixth and final session of an oral history interview with Cosby Hunt, a career educator, native Washingtonian, and creator of Real World History. In this interview Mr. Hunt discusses the Real World History program and the Real World History Collection at the DC Public Library. He also reflects on what he is most proud of about the class and how the course, in some ways, is connected to his family history.

Controlled Access Headings:

- African Americans
- Art
- Teachers
- High school students
- Migration, Internal
- Museums
- COVID-19 Pandemic, 2020-
- Education
- Black persons

Sub-Series 2: Indexes, 2020-10

Title/Description	Instances
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Session 1 index, 2020-10-13

Creator: Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

Creator: Peterson, Max

Biographical / Historical

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Session 2 index, 2020-10-20

Creator: Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

Creator: Peterson, Max

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Session 3 index, 2020-10-27

Creator: Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

Creator: Peterson, Max

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Session 4 index, 2021-01-21

Creator: Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

Creator: Peterson, Max

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Session 5 index, 2021-02-25

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Creator: Peterson, Max

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Sub-Series 3: Transcripts, 2020-10

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Session 2 transcript, 2020-10-20

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Creator: Peterson, Max

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Session 3 transcript, 2020-10-27

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Creator: Peterson, Max

Biographical / Historical

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Scope and Contents

This is the third session of a life history interview with Cosby Hunt, a career educator, native Washingtonian, and creator of Real World History at the Center for Inspired Teaching. In this interview Cosby Hunt discusses his college experience at the University of Pennsylvania, teaching in Hancock County, Georgia, through Teach for America, and his experience attending graduate school at the University of Georgia.

Session 4 transcript, 2021-01-21

Creator: Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

Creator: Peterson, Max

Scope and Contents

This is the fourth session of a life history interview with Cosby Hunt, a career educator, native Washingtonian, and creator of Real World History. In this interview Cosby Hunt discusses returning to Washington, D.C., after finishing graduate school at the University of Georgia, his teaching career at Bell Multicultural High School (1997-2010), and his family life, including how he met his wife and how they named their two sons.

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Session 5 transcript, 2021-02-25

Creator: Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

Creator: Peterson, Max

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Scope and Contents

This is the fifth session of an oral history interview with Cosby Hunt, a career educator, native Washingtonian, and creator of Real World History. In this interview Cosby Hunt discusses his experience working at Center for Inspired Teaching and the creation of the Real World

History Program (RWH) in 2014. He also talks about the structure of the program in its first year, school year 2014-2015.

Session 6 transcript, 2021-03-17

Creator: Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

Creator: Peterson, Max

Biographical / Historical

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Scope and Contents

This is the sixth and final session of an oral history interview with Cosby Hunt, a career educator, native Washingtonian, and creator of Real World History. In this interview Mr. Hunt discusses the Real World History program and the Real World History Collection at the DC Public Library. He also reflects on what he is most proud of about the class and how the course, in some ways, is connected to his family history.

Sub-Section 4: Images, 1931-2019, Undated

Title/Description

Instances

Evelyn D. Allen's North Carolina Negro Teachers' Association
Official Membership Card, 1931-04-03

Scope and Contents

A digital image of Evelyn D. Allen's North Carolina Negro Teachers' Association Official Membership Card. Evelyn Allen or 'Eve' was the Cosby Hunt's paternal grandmother. This item is discussed at [00:40:31] of Cosby Hunt Session 1.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Allen, Evelyn D.
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National Bankers Association, 1931-04-03

Scope and Contents

A digital image of a print photograph of the National Bankers Association posed in front of the Founders Library at Howard University. The photograph includes Cosby Hunt's paternal grandfather Isaac Cosby Hunt, Sr. This item is discussed in Cosby Hunt Session 2.

Isaac Cosby Hunt with his mother and paternal grandparents, 1971, ca.

Scope and Contents

A digital image of a print photograph of Cosby Hunt as an infant with his mother and paternal grandparents. This item is discussed at [00:40:00.00] Cosby Hunt Session 2.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-
-

Eve Hunt's funeral, 1992-04

Scope and Contents

A digital image of a polaroid photograph of the funeral of Eve Hunt, paternal grandmother of Cosby Hunt (second from the right). From left to right the men in the image are Lut Williams, Bravell 'Bucky' Nesbitt, Jerry Williams Jr., Robert Williams, Cosby Hunt, and Cosby's father, Isaac Cosby Hunt Jr. On the backside of the image is the note: 'Eve's Funeral (April '92).' This photograph is discussed at [01:15:40.05].

Controlled Access Headings:

- Funeral service
 - Families
-

Looking west down Irving Street, 1998

Creator: Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

Scope and Contents

A digital image of a photograph that Cosby Hunt took around the time that he began teaching at Bell Multicultural High School. A note on the back of the photograph reads: 'Looking west down Irving Street, 1998.' The title of this image was taken from the caption on the back of the original photograph.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Streets
 - Buildings
-

Cosby Hunt with students at Bell Multicultural High School, 1998

Scope and Contents

A digital image of a photograph of Cosby Hunt with some of his students at Bell Multicultural High School in 1998.

Controlled Access Headings:

- High school students
 - Teachers
 - Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-
-

Cosby Hunt teaching at Bell Multicultural High School, 2000

Scope and Contents

A digital image of a photograph of Cosby Hunt teaching at Bell Multicultural High School in the early 2000s.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Teachers
 - High Schools
 - Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-
-

Real World History Class at the Phillips Collection, 2014-12-01

Scope and Contents

A digital image of a photograph of Real World History students and their narrators perusing Jacob Lawrence's Migration Series at the Phillips Collection. After viewing the panels, each pair recorded an oral history interview about the narrator's experience of moving to Washington, D.C., from the South. Mr. Hunt discusses the group trip at [01:07:51.08].

Controlled Access Headings:

- Museums
 - High school students
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Controlled Access Headings:

- Museums
 - High school students
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Real World History Class at the Museum of Modern Art,
2015-06-01

Scope and Contents

A digital image of a photograph of Real World History students and their narrators at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City on a group trip to visit the exhibition 'One Way Ticket: Jacob Lawrence's Migration Series'. Mr. Hunt discusses the group trip at [00:33:03.04].

Controlled Access Headings:

- High school students
 - Museums
 - Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-
-

Real World History Class at Thurgood Marshall Academy
Public Charter School, 2019

Scope and Contents

A digital image of a group photo of the 2019-2020 cohort of Real World History sitting in front of Thurgood Marshall Academy Public Charter School, where the class was taught. Cosby Hunt discusses teaching Real World History and teaching full-time at TMA during the 2019-2020 school year at [01:04:37.08].

Controlled Access Headings:

- Teachers
 - High school students
 - Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-
-

Portrait of Richard Allen, Undated

Scope and Contents

A digital image of what may be a tintype photograph of Richard Allen, great-grandfather to Cosby Hunt on his father's side. This item is discussed at [00:09:44.25] Cosby Hunt Session 2.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Allen, Richard
-

Lafayette Elementary School Fifth Grade Class, Undated

Scope and Contents

A digital image of a print photograph of Cosby Hunt's fifth grade class photo from Lafayette Elementary School in Washington, D.C. Cosby Hunt is on the far left in the second row. This item is discussed at [00:44:23] Cosby Hunt Session 1.

"The Shack", Undated

Scope and Contents

A digital image of a print photograph of the house where Cosby Hunt lived while attending graduate school at the University of Georgia. Cosby recalls how he and his friends referred to the house as "the shack." This item is discussed at [01:36:00.10] Cosby Hunt Session 3.

The Hunt Family at Cosby Hunt's college graduation, Undated

Scope and Contents

A digital image of a photograph of Cosby Hunt with his parents at his college graduation from the University of Georgia. From left to right are Elizabeth R. Hunt ('Betty'), Cosby Hunt, and Isaac C. Hunt Jr. ('Ike'). Cosby discusses the connection between his family history and Real World History at [01:34:52.00].

Controlled Access Headings:

- Families
 - Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-
-

Cosby Hunt, Sandy Zipp, and Eric Wilson, Undated

Scope and Contents

A digital image of framed print photograph of Cosby Hunt (right) and two close friends, Eric Wilson (left) and Sandy Zipp (center). This item is discussed at [01:03:10] Cosby Hunt Session 1.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-
-

Attendees at a Project PRIDE event, Undated

Creator: Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

Scope and Contents

A digital image of a photograph from one of the community gatherings that Cosby Hunt organized

while teaching Project PRIDE (Parents Roots Inspire a Dedication to Education) at Bell Multicultural High School. Mr. Hunt discusses the community gatherings at [00:57:28.25].

Controlled Access Headings:

- Families
- High Schools

Real World History Class at Cardozo High School, Undated

Scope and Contents

A digital image of a photograph of Cosby Hunt teaching a Real World History class outside of Cardozo High School. After five years at Cardozo (School year 2014-2015 through 2018-2019), the Real World History program moved to Thurgood Marshall Academy in the fall of 2019.

Controlled Access Headings:

- High Schools
- Teachers
- Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

Sub-Series 5: Miscellaneous, 2017

Biographical / Historical

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Scope and Contents

A profile completed by a student in the Real World History Class of a narrator with annotations from Cosby Hunt in red.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Education

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Series 2: Edith Crutchfield, 2020-10-2020-12

Biographical / Historical

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Sub-Series 1: Interviews, 2020-10-2020-12

Title/Description	Instances
Session 1, 2020-10-24	

Creator: Crutchfield, Edith Amanda, 1936-

Creator: Peterson, Max

Biographical / Historical

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Session 2, 2020-10-31

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Session 3, 2020-12-06

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Creator: Peterson, Max

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Scope and Contents

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Sub-Series 2: Indexes, 2020-10-2020-12

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Session 1 index, 2020-10-24	
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<u>Creator</u> : Peterson, Max	

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Session 2 index, 2020-10-31

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Session 3 index, 2020-12-06

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Sub-Series 3: Transcripts, 2020-10-2020-12

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Session 2 transcript, 2020-10-31

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Creator: Peterson, Max

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Scope and Contents

This is the second session of a life history interview with Edith Crutchfield. In this interview Ms. Crutchfield reflects on her upbringing in Culpeper, Virginia, the move to Washington, D.C., in 1953 at age 17, and her life in Washington. She speaks about her experiences with segregation and discrimination in D.C. and discusses how she and her sisters helped each other transition into life in Washington. Ms. Crutchfield recalls being able to vote for the first time when the District was allowed to vote in the 1964 presidential election and relates the civil rights struggles of the 1960s to the 2020 election as well as contemporary social justice struggles. Ms. Crutchfield also discusses her time at Howard University as well as her experience at Miner Teachers College in 1955 when the school merged with Wilson Teachers College to create DC Teachers College. She also reflects on her experiences as a librarian at the FDA and DEA libraries and discusses racism and discrimination she witnessed while working for the government.

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