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Collection Overview

Repository:	Anacostia Community Museum Archives
Title:	Afterlives of AIDS: Oral Histories of Black Women living and aging with HIV
Date:	2018-2019
Identifier:	ACMA.06-129
Creator:	Sangaramoorthy, Thurka, 1975- Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Extent:	1.36 Gigabytes
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Biographical

Thurka Sangaramoorthy is a cultural and medical anthropologist and public health researcher with 22 years of experience in conducting community-engaged ethnographic research, including rapid assessments, among vulnerable populations in the United States, Africa, and Latin America/Caribbean. Her work is broadly concerned with power and subjectivity in global economies of care. She has worked at this intersection on diverse topics, including global health and migration, HIV/STD, and environmental disparities. She is the author of two books: *Rapid Ethnographic Assessments: A Practical Approach and Toolkit for Collaborative Community Research* (Routledge, 2020) and *Treating AIDS: Politics of Difference, Paradox of Prevention* (Rutgers, 2014). Dr. Sangaramoorthy is Co-Chair of the American Anthropological Association's Members Programmatic Advisory and Advocacy Committee and a Board member of the Society for Medical Anthropology; she serves as Associate Editor of Public Health Reports and Editorial Board Member of *American Anthropologist*. She received her PhD from the University of California, Berkeley and San Francisco in 2008, her MPH from Columbia University in 2002, and is currently Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Maryland.

Historical

The interviews and portraits in this collection are part of an ongoing project to document how HIV has shaped Black women's lives and how it has impacted their historical and contemporary roles within Black familial systems and broader communities. Furthermore, the life histories provide a window into the childhood, family, friendship, school, and work experiences of an overlooked group from the local and national discourse on the impact of HIV in American society.

The long-term aim of the project is to present holistic and complex stories of African American women who have long been ignored in the history of HIV and to elevate racial justice in HIV advocacy by educating the public on racial health disparities.

Scope and Contents

The collection documents the relations between health care policy and practices and the lived experiences of older Black women living and aging with HIV in the Washington, DC region. It contains twelve oral history interviews, associated transcripts, portraits of the interviewees, and measures 1.36 GB. The interviews were conducted between 2018-2019 by Thurka Sangaramoorthy, PhD, MPH, as part of her *Afterlives of AIDS* oral history project. Portraits were taken by Aamir Khuller.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- African American women
- HIV and AIDS
- Health issues

Types of Materials:

- Digital audio formats
- Oral histories (document genres)
- Portraits -- African American women
- digital photographs

Places:

- Washington (D.C.)

Container Listing

Oral History Interviews

Oral history interview with Anita Byrd, 2018 November 20
Interviewer: Sangaramoorthy, Thurka, 1975-
Genre/Form: Oral histories (document genres)
Place: Maryland

Oral history interview with Corliss Mitchell, 2018 July 10
Interviewer: Sangaramoorthy, Thurka, 1975-
Genre/Form: Oral histories (document genres)
Place: Maryland

Oral history interview with Deborah J. Dyson, 2018 August 1
Interviewer: Sangaramoorthy, Thurka, 1975-
Genre/Form: Oral histories (document genres)
Place: Maryland

Oral history interview with Deborah R. Sanders, 2018 July 31
Interviewer: Sangaramoorthy, Thurka, 1975-
Genre/Form: Oral histories (document genres)
Place: Maryland

Oral history interview with Lenora Wright, 2018 July 25
Interviewer: Sangaramoorthy, Thurka, 1975-
Genre/Form: Oral histories (document genres)
Place: Maryland

Oral history interview with Marcella Wright, 2018 July 13
Interviewer: Sangaramoorthy, Thurka, 1975-
Genre/Form: Oral histories (document genres)
Place: Maryland

Oral history interview with Marla T. Dawson, 2018 August 2
Interviewer: Sangaramoorthy, Thurka, 1975-
Genre/Form: Oral histories (document genres)
Place: Maryland

Oral history interview with Patricia Hobby, 2019 July 23
Interviewer: Sangaramoorthy, Thurka, 1975-
Genre/Form: Oral histories (document genres)
Place: Maryland

Oral history interview with Shawnte Spriggs, 2018 August 6
Interviewer: Sangaramoorthy, Thurka, 1975-
Genre/Form: Oral histories (document genres)

Place: Maryland

Oral history interview with Sophia L. Harrison, 2018 July 10

Interviewer: Sangaramoorthy, Thurka, 1975-

Genre/Form: Oral histories (document genres)

Place: Maryland

Oral history interview with TaWanda Coleman, 2018 July 25

Interviewer: Sangaramoorthy, Thurka, 1975-

Genre/Form: Oral histories (document genres)

Place: Maryland

Oral history interview with Toya L. Tolson, 2018 July 31

Interviewer: Sangaramoorthy, Thurka, 1975-

Genre/Form: Oral histories (document genres)

Place: Maryland

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Photographs

[Anita Byrd, 2018 August 6](#)

1 Digital image (4000 x 4808)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Corliss Mitchell, 2018 August 6](#)

1 Digital file (6000 x 4000)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Corliss Mitchell, 2018 August 6](#)

2 Digital files (4000 x 6000)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Deborah J. Dyson, 2018 August 1](#)

1 Digital image (4000 x 6000)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Deborah J. Dyson, 2018 August 1](#)

2 Digital images (4000 x 6000)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Deborah J. Dyson, 2018 August 1](#)

3 Digital images (3578 x 4424)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Deborah J. Dyson, 2018 August 1](#)

4 Digital images (4000 x 4673)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Deborah R. Sanders, 2018 July 31](#)

1 Digital image (6000 x 4000)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Culture: African American women
Genre/Form: digital photographs

[Deborah R. Sanders, 2018 July 31](#)

2 Digital images (4000 x 5578)

Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer

Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs[Deborah R. Sanders, 2018 July 31](#)

3 Digital images (6000 x 4000)

Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer

Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs[Lenora Wright, 2018 August 10](#)

1 Digital image (5000 x 7500)

Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer

Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs[Marcella Wright, 2018 July 13](#)

1 Digital image (6000 x 4000)

Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer

Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
Digital images[Marcella Wright, 2018 July 13](#)

2 Digital images (6000 x 4000)

Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer

Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs[Detail of Marcell Wright's arm, 2018 July 13](#)

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Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer

Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs[Marcella Wright, 2018 August 6](#)

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Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer

Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs[Marcell Wright, 2018 August 6](#)

5 Digital images (4394 x 3704)

Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer

Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs[Marla T. Dawson, 2012 August 2](#)

1 Digital image (4000 x 5742 pixels)

Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: digital photographs
Portraits -- African American women

[Marta T. Dawson, 2012 August 2](#)

2 Digital images (4000 x 6000 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
Digital images

[Patricia Hobby, 2019 June 13](#)

1 Digital image (1848 x 2768 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
Digital images

[Patricia Hobby, 2019 June 13](#)

2 Digital images (1848 x 2768 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
Digital images

[Patricia Hobby, 2019 June 13](#)

3 Digital images (2089 x 1773 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Topic: Profile portraits -- African American women
Genre/Form: Digital images

[Patricia Hobby, 2019 June 13](#)

4 Digital images (1848 x 2768 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
Digital images

[Patricia Hobby, 2019 June 13](#)

5 Digital images (1848 x 2768 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
Digital images

[Shawnte Spriggs, 2018 August 6](#)

1 Digital image (6000 x 4000 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
Digital images

[Shawnte Spriggs, 2018 August 6](#)

2 Digital images (6000 x 4000 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women

Topic: Digital images
Benches, wooden

[Shawnte Spriggs, 2018 August 6](#)

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Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
Digital images

[Shawnte Spriggs, 2018 August 6](#)

4 Digital images (4000 x 6000 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
Digital images

[Shawnte Spriggs, 2018 August 6](#)

5 Digital images (4000 x 6000 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
Digital images

[Sophia L. Harrison, 2018 July 12](#)

1 Digital image (6000 x 4000 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Sophia L. Harrison, 2018 July 12](#)

2 Digital images (6000 x 4000 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Sophia L. Harrison, 2018 July 12](#)

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Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Topic: Profile portraits -- African American women
Genre/Form: digital photographs

[Sophia L. Harrison, 2018 July 12](#)

4 Digital images (6000 x 4000 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Sophia L. Harrison, 2018 July 12](#)

5 Digital images (4000 x 6000 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Ta' Wanda Coleman, 2018 July 25](#)

1 Digital image (4000 x 6000 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Ta' Wanda Coleman, 2019 June 18](#)

2 Digital images (1848 x 2330 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Ta' Wanda Coleman, 2019 June 18](#)

3 Digital images (1848 x 2768 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Ta' Wanda Coleman, 2019 June 18](#)

4 Digital images (2768 x 1848 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Ta' Wanda Coleman, 2019 June 18](#)

5 Digital images (2495 x 1848 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Toya L. Tolson, 2018 July 31](#)

1 Digital image (4000 x 6000 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Toya L. Tolson, 2018 July 31](#)

2 Digital images (6000 x 4000 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Toya L. Tolson, 2018 July 31](#)

3 Digital images (6000 x 4000 pixels)
Creator: Khuller, Aamir, Photographer
Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American women
digital photographs

[Collage of African American women, 2019 February 14](#)

1 Digital image (1920 x 1080 pixels)

Photographs

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digital photographs
Collages

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