

Interview History

INTERVIEWER: Amanda Díaz – undergraduate student at the University of Puget Sound’s History department for her Summer Research project.

TIME AND SETTING OF INTERVIEW:

Time: July 9th, 8:22pm

Place: Over the phone in Tacoma, WA and Salinas, CA

Total number of recorder hours:

Persons present during interview: Amanda Díaz and Angel Padilla

CONDUCT AND PROCESSING OF INTERVIEW:

This interview is part of the Summer Research Richard Bangs Collier Scholarship at the University of Puget Sound for the project titled, *The American Creed: Immigration and Detention in Tacoma*. The interview was conducted in English.

Amanda Díaz prepared for this interview by taking the HIS 387: History of US Immigration course taught by Prof. Andrew Gomez in the History department. Amanda has also presented at President Crawford's Inauguration Symposium about the private-immigration detention center in Tacoma, the Northwest Detention Center. She also founded the club called Advocates for Detained Voices, a club that works with a local nonprofit to provide legal and counselling services for families affected by the NWDC.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Records relating to the interview are located in the Archives at Collins Memorial Library at the University of Puget Sound.

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(00:35)- Biographical info and immigration history involving the Civil War in El Salvador during the late 70's.

(1:17)- Conditions and treatment inside the Northwest Detention Center (NWDC).

(03:59)- Angel speaks about his medical issues inside the NWDC and the difficulty of getting access to medical treatment because the individual detained is speaking to a practitioner not a doctor.

(06:00)- Angel discusses all of the different people who are detained at the NWDC. He shares multiple stories of people's detainment inside the NWDC and how they were detained.

(10:35)- Legal case and attorney who went above and beyond for him to win his case.

(12:39)- Court hearing at the NWDC and the comparison of his court hearing when he was detained in Bakersfield. The role of privatization of detention because the judges in court are there as puppets for the current administration.

(16:14)- Receiving bond to be released and Angel believes that it is because they didn't want to pay for his medical bills because it would have been more expensive.

(18:18)- In the Arizona detention center, a transexual individual was gorged by the guards.

(21:20)- Reasons and strategies for organizing resistance inside the NWDC and some of the experiences that inspired him to become a leader and activist inside the detention center.

(31:44)- Visitors and journalists came and talked to him regarding his situation and brought his story out to the public.

(33:34)- Angel reflects on his previous life incarcerated in prison its relation to California law SB 260 and how his life has changed as a result of his detention.

(39:55)- The current administration and its impacts on comprehensive immigration reform.

(43:42)- Message to someone who believes that undocumented people are a threat to the United States and discusses the kinds of violence those are facing in their home countries.

(49:30)- Angel giving thanks to all of the people, especially Maru Mora Villapaldo and his attorney, Sarah, that supported and fought for him inside the NWDC.