

## **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: Friday, July 28th at 4pm

Place: Cal Anderson Park Seattle, WA

Total number of recorder hours: 34:18 minutes

Persons present during interview: Amanda Díaz and Henry Tehutli

### 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.

## **Table of Contents- HENRY TEHUTLI**

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(00:55)- Involvement in activism and political issues in Mexico

(02:00)- We don't have leaders, we need to be our own leaders, because we need to defend ourselves since we are the only ones who know ourselves. Its an obligation to get involved

(03:06)- Henry talks about how he got involved in the NWDC through social media, specifically through Facebook

(6:10)- Being Mexican is a barrier, they don't get the same priorities that other nationalities, proximity to the border makes it harder for people to obtain citizenship.

(09:11) - Experience crossing the border multiple times and until 2009 crossing the border it became harder, he was stranded on the desert without, not being able to walk anymore and then being detained in Arizona.

(11:40) - Reasons that people cross the border, something political, privatization and capitalism

(15:18)- Psychological torture that Henry had to go through in detention in Arizona, “they make you feel miserable and they take your dignity.”

(17:43) - Henry’s process of getting out of the detention was their fault because they called me by the wrong name

(20:20) Psychological trauma, a video was shown in Spanish of a small boy telling his father not to cross the border because he doesn't want his father to die. Henry talked about how they want to convince you that you made the wrong choice for crossing the border.

(20:30) Latinos are the majority so therefore they are the ones that are disproportional affected by detention and immigration. They carry the stigma of being undocumented and carry the blame of being “criminals.”

(23:45) Henry discusses his strategies as a social justice advocate

(27:20) Henry states his reasons for why he believes Latinos obedient, colonized and controlled.

(30:20) Henry discusses the residual effects of colonialism in Latino communities and that violence creates more violence,

(31:36) Some people have some more privileges than others and the laws should be made for everyone. Henry also wished that the US did not intervene in poorer lower-income countries.