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: Wednesday, March 28th at 12pm
   Place: University of Puget Sound Tacoma, Washington
   Total number of recorder hours: 30:00
   Persons present during interview: Amanda Díaz and Maru Mora Villalpando

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.
(1:58)- Biographical information.

(3:13)- Maru’s immigration history.

(3:49)- Experiences that lead her to pursue a career in immigration advocacy.

(5:07)- Background on her organization the, NWDC Resistance.

(5:48)- Building coalitions and collaborations across identity-based and social justice groups.

(7:46)- Maru discusses the most common way people get detained.

(9:35)- Barriers to receiving a pathway to citizenship.

(11:17)- Position that those are placed in when they are detained and what their families go through.

(14:03)- How Maru’s identity impacts her work.

(17:40)- Maru discusses her experience being targeted by ICE as an immigration activist.

(19:15)- Organizational strategies, how to balance between following the leadership of those detained and being a US citizen.

(21:36)- Building trust with immigrant communities.

(23:25)- Maru’s current immigration case.

(26:15)- Roadblocks and challenges that NWDC Resistance has experienced.

(28:32)- Advice on how to listen to the undocumented community.