

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.

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- (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.