Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

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Length of First Interview Session: 00:54:48
Length of Second Interview Session: 00:43:52

Time Log

FIRST INTERVIEW SESSION

00:00:00 – Introduction
00:00:22 – Basic Biographical Information/Growing Up
00:02:20 – Describing his home town
00:03:35 – Remembers his Neighbors
00:05:17 – His Family’s Way of Celebrating Tết, Birthdays, Funerals
00:08:01 – His job as a Librarian
00:09:25 – His Schooling in Vietnam
00:11:45 – His perspective of the Teacher/Student Relationship in Vietnam
00:13:08 – Languages that he speaks
00:15:06 – The amount of education within his family
00:17:25 – Distinctive memories of parents/grandparents
00:21:06 – Memories of Annual Gatherings for Families
00:22:15 – Stories about his own Family
00:25:15 – Traditions that he currently maintains for his ancestors
00:26:13 – His and his family’s religion
00:27:13 – Special Foods
00:28:55 – Him and family heirlooms/mementos
00:30:16 – Meaning behind Vietnamese names
00:31:39 – War’s effect on his family/community
00:33:32 – Forced to being taught Marxism
00:34:52 – Not working during the war
00:37:10 – Family’s involvement in War
00:38:38 – His memories of knowing people who had to go to the re-education camps
00:39:57 – Physical/Mental Injuries of the War
00:42:07 – Memories of the last days of the War
00:45:23 – Leaving his home and country
00:46:50 – Most significant memory about the Vietnam War
00:48:13 – Father’s Opinion of US Policy during War
00:49:23 – His memories of coming to the United States
00:52:17 – Conditions of the Boat he was in

SECOND INTERVIEW SESSION
00:00:05 – Possessions he brought with him to the United States
00:03:02 – Memories of his journey on the boats
00:07:52 – Experiences at the refugee camps in the Philippines
00:10:51 – Him going through the process of coming to the United States
00:12:13 – Arrival to the United States, first impressions/memories
00:13:02 – Life in America and his jobs
00:19:22 – Racism Issues/Vietnamese-American groups at UCI/UCLA
00:21:23 – His perspective of similarities/differences between communities in Vietnam/America

00:22:51 – His preferred way of being identified in American society

00:23:44 – A funny story of culture shock

00:25:50 – Him going through the naturalization process

00:27:40 – Keeping touch with family/relatives in Vietnam

00:29:30 – His views on not wanting to return to Vietnam for the time being

00:31:19 – The things that reminds him of Vietnam in his day-to-day life

00:33:28 – Traditions preserved/given up since arriving in America

00:34:47 – His perspective of the changes within the Vietnamese community since the past

00:36:30 – His involvement in the Vietnamese community here in the US

00:37:56 – His personal opinion of Little Saigon

00:39:05 – The most important thing he thinks future generations of Vietnamese Americans should remember about the past

00:42:22 – His reflection on his decision to come to the United States

00:43:07 – Conclusion/Potential to follow up with more stories