Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: DZUNG T. BACH

Interviewer: Jennifer Hong

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FIELD NOTES

The interview was conducted at La Quinta High School, where Dzung Bach teaches Vietnamese, and is currently the Department Chair of the Languages Department. It is located in Westminster, near the heart of Little Saigon. Present during the interview was the Narrator, Dzung Bach, and the interviewer, Jennifer Hong. All the consent forms and release forms were signed prior to the beginning of the interview, and photos were taken after the interview had ended.

Dzung Bach showed up to the interview, which was conducted after school on a Friday, in his normal teaching outfit, a casual button up shirt and some khaki slacks, with an excited expression on his face. In the very beginning of the interview, he was very energetic yet as the interview progressed, he became more quiet and reserved. I think it was due to the graphic nature of his stories, for example, a gruesome account of an event at a reeducation camp. I think he was prepared to share these stories though. He told many stories of his life, and elaborated on his family and the traditions that they kept. He was happy to have shared his stories to this project, and I thanked him after the interview was done. After the interview, he was happy to take pictures of him for the archive, as long as they didn’t show his wrinkles, so none of the photos are up close.