Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: TRINH THUY MAI

Interviewer: Arisa Miyake Yang

Date: May 07, 2012

Location: Tustin, California

Sub-collection: Linda Vo Class Oral Histories, 2012

Length of Interview: 00:54:02

Time Log

00:00:15 Start Interview

00:00:20 Introduction of both the Interviewer and Trinh Thuy Mai.

00:01:45 She talks about her parent’s background: Name, birthplace, occupation, and how they got to America.

00:06:31 She explains how she grew up in the Bay Area and her childhood history. Parent’s current occupation.

00:09:25 She gives a description of the various areas she had lived in. Her educations and her situation of growing up with Vietnamese parents.

00:13:30 She discusses her college experience and history.

00:14:30 She discusses her family’s interest in art.

00:15:35 She explains her family history with art and religion.

00:17:10 Trinh’s view and opinion of preserving history.

00:21:08 Her experiences going back to Vietnam

00:21:52 She discusses her childhood memories

00:26:20 Her history of music and art. First experience with a Vietnamese song.

00:31:20 What Vietnamese holidays she celebrates.

00:32:20 She talks about the traditional cooking passed down from her Grandmother.
00:33:13 She talks about what kind of jobs she had.

00:34:30 She discussed her experience and struggle after college and how she got to be an artist.

00:39:05 She discusses her memories of parents and relatives, especially her Grandmother.

00:42:10 She describes of her Grandmother.

00:43:10 Her explanation of her brothers who live in France and their history.

00:44:12 What she knew about her family name and her experience through that name.

00:45:53 What language she speaks in various locations and situations. Language skills that run in her family.

00:47:35 She discusses about her family educational background.

00:48:00 She talks about how she met her husband.

00:49:10 She explains her religion and her family’s religion.

00:50:53 She discusses about her mother’s refugee camps experience during the Fall of Saigon. Additionally, a brief story of family’s history during that time.

00:53:20 End of Interview