Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Part 2

Narrator: TRINH THUY MAI
Interviewer: Arisa Miyake Yang
Date: May 9, 2012
Location: Stanton, California
Sub-collection: Linda Vo Class Oral Histories, 2012
Length of Interview: 01:09:11

Time Log

00:00:05 She discusses about her encounter with racism in America.
00:02:35 Her opinion on what racial category she identifies herself as.
00:04:40 She discusses her culture shock in Vietnam.
00:13:45 She explains the family members she keep in touch with.
00:14:53 She discusses the heirlooms she had inherited from her family and how she is keeping her family’s history.
00:18:10 She discusses the other heirlooms she inherited.
00:20:55 She explains the other traditional methods she tries to pass on.
00:24:19 She discusses how she uses visual art to preserve tradition.
00:26:15 She discusses on what will become of the Vietnamese culture in America.
00:27:40 She explains about her brother and her views on how other people preserve Vietnamese traditions.
00:31:20 She discusses on how she views the Vietnamese community.
00:34:05 She explains her involvement in organizations.

00:38:07 She discusses her view and opinion of Little Saigon.

00:42:50 She discusses on how she feels on being born in the United States.

00:43:33 She explains how she didn’t have to experience the war and shares some stories about the war she heard from her family members.

00:45:45 She discusses more of the stories she had heard from family members about the war.

00:50:45 She discusses her opinion of the U.S. policy and about veterans from the war.

00:52:00 She explains that she wishes to broaden her knowledge about the war. Additionally, she expresses her shock and disappointment on America’s decision.

00:56:30 She discusses about her uncle who died during the war and the information she knows about him.

00:59:27 She talks about how she wishes to preserve history about her uncle.

01:00:33 She expresses her opinion on what the future generation of Vietnamese Americans should know.

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00:01:00 She discusses about the American dream and how she was able to achieve it and she pays respect to history through this dream.

00:02:00 She talks about the girls in prostitution and the choices America had given her.

00:03:42 She talks about her grandparents and one of the most memorable stories to her.

00:05:03 Her opinion about her family.

00:05:40 She explains about her mother.

00:07:03 End of interview.