Vietnamese Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: CATHY LAM
Interviewer: Lotusa Chan
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Length of Interview: 0:54:49

Time Log

00:00:26  Cathy Lam talks about her full name, date of birth, place of birth and her parents.
00:02:09  She speaks about some of her childhood memories as well as her neighbors.
00:04:00  Explains her education in Vietnam. She also talks about some of her childhood and her memories with some of her good friends. She also goes in depth with how it was like to visit her grandparents and family.
00:06:54  Talks about her spouse, Michael Kane and how they first met.
00:07:55  Talks about her two children and the amount of history she has provided them about herself.
00:08:47  Explains the effects of the war in Vietnam on her family and community and what she remembers most. She also goes into detail about her family during the journey and time period. Also talks about her experience in a refugee camp.
00:16:20  She speaks about life in America, adjusting, complications, as well culture shock. She also goes in depth with her educational experience in America.
00:25:42  Talks about her feelings towards preserving traditions and customs. She also speaks about what she feels is most important for future generations to remember.
00:29:27  Talks about her community service trip to Vietnam and elaborates on what she does there. She also talks about what languages she is able to speak and her non-
profit work and the world trip that she took with her family that has greatly inspired her passion for the environment. Also speaks about her husband’s occupation and their share of similar passions.

00:35:39 She discusses her admiration for her mother and father and what they do to make a living.

00:38:52 Describes her views on her father being a politician and how it affected her family. Also speaks about how education was very important to her family.

00:45:32 Talks about her teaching experience in Vietnam as well as her desire to spread awareness about the environment and giving back to others. She also gives her views on technology.

00:49:56 She speaks about her husband’s similar passion in regards to the environment and went into more detail about their beginning stages of romance.

00:52:20 Expresses her feelings of guilt and gratitude for having a more privileged life than many others.