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HIST 1105 Midterm

Interviewee-Tamara Motley

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Jayden: "Alright! Hello, my name is Jay Chavez and I'm here today on March the 3rd, 2022 with Tamara Motley here in the University of New Mexico's advisement centre conducting an interview. Tamara, how are you doing?"

Tamara: "I'm great thank you!"

Jayden: "That's Good to hear! Firstly I wanted to start of just getting to know you a little bit; what year are you?"

Tamara: "I am in my second yer right now, so I am a sophomore."

Jayden: "Ok, a sophomore. What is your major right now?"

Tamara: "Currently, health education."

Jayden: "And what made you want to go into that?"

Tamara: "I don't know, I have always wanted to be a teacher of some sort, like an English teacher, but then I started thinking about health classes I've taken throughout my time in school and how none of them have been very beneficial. Then I was like 'I don't know, teaching might be a little scary right now, so maybe I'll stick with something that is still education, but not in a school setting, and community health education is pretty much that; helping your community learn about health and (1:00) whatnot."

Jayden: "I see. Where are you from?"

Tamara: "I'm from here in Albuquerque."

Jayden: "Where did you graduate?"

Tamara: "I graduated from Albuquerque High."

Jayden: "And what year?"

Tamara: "2020."

Jayden: "Oh 2020, right about when everything [pandemic-wise] went down? I graduated 2019 and kind of got in right before then, so I'm sure that wasn't too fun."

Tamara: “Yeah, it was an interesting year.”

Jayden: “Absolutely. What would a normal day for you look like?”

Tamara: “Let’s see, I like to wake up early, but I don’t always get up no do things at that time; I’ll just lay in bed for a while and have some down time. I’m here at school normally from 9 to 4 sometimes and I’ll do homework until dinner time, and then I go home. It’s just school pretty much.”

Jayden: “Do you, or have you ever worked?”

Tamara: “Yeah, (2:00) I used to attend a circus camp when I was younger and now I am a counsellor there working, so I do that one month a year in the summer. And then I work at Ross normally.”

Jayden: “Awesome! The next thing I wanted to know is what are some of your ‘pet-peeves’? What are some things that just kind of irk you?”

Tamara: “I hate when people are rude to service workers or customer service workers. That’s probably my biggest one since I am a customer service worker at my job. They think that we’re not people, and it’s like ‘I am just as equal as you are and I’m helping you, you gotta be nice to me’.”

Jayden: “They think that you made the rules and that it’s a personal grudge.”

Tamara: “Yeah they think that I’m like out to get them or something, ‘no these are the policies I have to follow’.”

Jayden: “Yeah absolutely. I know that, (3:00) trust me, I know how that can be. And lastly, do you have a favourite TV show?”

Tamara: “Oh let’s see. I don’t watch TV too much, and if I do it’s cartoons, so the two I’ve been watching a lot are Futurama and Bob’s Burgers; more Futurama right now.”

Jayden: “More Futurama, would you say that that is your favourite show?”

Tamara: “I would say right now it is my favourite show.”

Jayden: “Who is your favourite character in Futurama?”

Tamara: “Bender, the classic.”

Jayden: “That’s a classic, that’s fair.”

Tamara: “Yeah, he’s a goofy guy.”

Jayden: "He definitely is. Alright, I do believe with that, we are approaching our time limit. Is there anything's else you'd like to add about any of the topics we discussed today?"

Tamara: "No, I think I'm good."

Jayden: "Well thank you very much for the interview!"

Reflection: The past week spent on oral history has been very beneficial towards my experience with oral history. While I've had to conduct interviews in the past, I hadn't previously attributed my interviews to oral history; I usually went through the motions without much thought. However, after the past couple of classes, I've come to see the importance of interviews in the context of oral history. After this assignment, I will know how to set up an oral history focused interview. Furthermore, I will also be able to listen to other interviews and recognise the historical significance of certain people and events.