



Guide to the Tessa Marie Winkelmann oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Winkelmann attended the University of California, Irvine, where she majored in English and political science and found her calling in the campus Cross-cultural Center. Through that experience, she found her interest in ethnic studies and attended San Francisco State University and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for graduate school. Winkelmann discusses the themes of her research, touching on interracial relationships and their influence on colonial relations between the Philippines and the West. She cites her research as being strongly influenced by her background and the efforts she has made as an adult to learn about her history. Throughout the interview, Winkelmann touches on topics regarding her identity, life in Las Vegas, and other aspects of her journey. This interview audio is close; transcript not yet available.

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