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Title Interview with Shanel Aliano O'Neil

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Primary Maker Shanel Aliano O'Neil

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Description (a) Audio file of interview with Shanel Aliano O'Neil. She was

interviewed by Lauren Palen on 13 March 2025 in Burlington, CT. (b) Photograph

of Shanel Aliano O'Neil taken at her interview. Shanel Aliano O'Neil was

interviewed as part of the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History's

Community History Project discussing moments of change in her life. Shanel

O'Neil (Aliano) discusses her change of moving to Manassas, Virginia for job

opportunities. Her decision to make that move changed her as a person because

she faced multiple challenges and discoveries during her time there. She moved

to Virginia in 2007 after graduating college in Keene, New Hampshire. Shanel

struggled to find a job during a time of financial uncertainty in 2007, which was

the driving force that caused her to move. She describes her struggles with

moving because she had close ties with her family in Connecticut. She talks

about creating new friendships and joining various activities. These activities

and friendships provided comfort during this time of change. Shanel talks about

her strong will and healing personality which she credits to the female family

members who drove her in her career as an environmental remediation project

manager. Shanel describes how her relationships changed during her time away

and how those changes affected her. She also mentions the gender imbalance

and her struggle to get her voice heard in her work environment. Nevertheless,

this did not stop her from continuing to use her voice and ideas for projects of

change. Her life is mostly virtual now after moving back to Connecticut, which is

something she loves as it offers more time for her to spend with her husband

and son. However, she mentions certain challenges she faces by working

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virtually. Shanel finishes her interview by mentioning the importance of finding your freedom but also matining your important relationships with the people who make you feel loved and valued.

Dimensions Duration: 50 Minutes