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Title Interview with Adrian Pulido

Date April 17, 2026

Medium born digital audio file

Description (a) Audio file of interview with Adrian Pulido. He was interviewed by Tania Alfonso on April 17, 2026 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. (b) Photograph of Adrian Pulido taken at his interview. Adrian Pulido was interviewed as part of the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History's Community History Project discussing moments of change in his life. Adrian describes his moment of change as a phone call he received when he was 16, from an Army recruiter, encouraging him to enlist. He recalls using the "Buddy System" with his twin brother, Abe, through which they were able to enlist together. Adrian identified breaking his foot during basic training as a major catalyst for change. It forced Adrian to choose his own path while his brother continued basic training without him. Adrian recalls that this was a difficult decision, particularly because he had a sheltered childhood that caused him to second guess his decisions. Adrian discusses the difficulties he experienced in the military as a gay man, noting that he felt he was not able to be his full self. After completing his military contract, Adrian began embracing his true self. He navigated the pressures of growing up Catholic as well as the stigmas of homosexuality. Adrian attributes ceramics to helping him accept himself. While creating ceramics, he feels free to create what he desires and spreads his joy of art through teaching. Adrian ends his interview discussing how he admires his resilience and how he is gaining

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confidence in himself. Although he did not have the best military experience, he

is thankful that he enlisted because it helped him “break out of his shell.”

Dimensions Duration: 48 Minutes, 50 Seconds