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Title Interview with Opal Rodriguez

Date 28 March 2025

Primary Maker Opal Rodriguez

Medium born digital audio file

Description (a) Audio file of interview with Opal Rodriguez. They were interviewed by Silas Segar on 28 March 2025 in Southington, Connecticut. (b) Photograph of Opal Rodriguez taken at their interview. (c) Photograph of Opal Rodriguez's bookstore taken at their interview. (d) Photograph of Opal Rodriguez's bookstore taken at their interview. (e) Photograph of Opal Rodriguez's bookstore taken at their interview. (f) Photograph of Opal Rodriguez's bookstore taken at their interview. (g) Photograph of Opal Rodriguez's bookstore taken at their interview. Opal Rodriguez was interviewed as part of the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History's Community History Project discussing moments of change in thier life. Opal Rodriguez owns a gay bookstore. They discuss opening their bookstore and the support they have received from the community. One moment of significant change in Opal' s life was attending a Black Lives Matter protest in Houston, Texas. It inspired them to want to make change in the world. They discuss their reasons for moving to Connecticut and the process and struggles they went through to open the bookstore. They talk about the feeling of creating a space for people to learn about who they are. Opal shares stories of people visiting the bookstore. The biggest lesson that Opal learned while opening the bookstore is that people are going to let you down, but you shouldn' t take it personally.

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Dimensions Duration: 59 Minutes, 24 Seconds