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Title Interview with Dawn Ennis

Date 31 July 2025

Medium born digital audio file

Description Audio file of interview with Dawn Ennis. She was interviewed by Francis Goldberg-Doyle on 31 July 2025 in Hartford, Connecticut. Dawn Ennis was interviewed as part of the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History's Community History Project discussing moments of change in her life. When addressing her moment of change, Dawn recalls her coming out in 2013. To Dawn, change, though scary, is something one must embrace, even if there is a lack of control over change. Dawn describes experiencing gender confusion in her youth, stating, "I don't understand why everybody says that I'm a boy when I know I'm a girl." Coming out was tumultuous for Dawn, as she faced great media backlash for her transgender identity. Initially, there was support from her workplace, but two months after coming out, due to the media spotlight, Dawn had a breakdown and opted to go back to presenting as male. After that, she decided nothing would make her continue to present male, with the exception of her daughter's Bat Mitzvah. Prior to her change, Dawn described herself as being more "angry" because she wasn't "being true." After her coming out and gender transition, Dawn reflected on relationships, explaining how some people in her family have fully cut her off, while others are still actively in her life. She also notes that her children, since the death of her wife, have come out as part of the LGBT community. Overall, Dawn notices that since

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her transition, she is much more secure in who she is, more comfortable in her own skin, and she makes the statement that “I’m me.”

Dimensions Duration: 34 Minutes, 48 Seconds