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INTERVIEWEE: Candace Russo

Interviewer: Kevin Foster

Date: 5-31-2013

Location of Interview: Corvallis, OR – Linus Pauling Institute

Research Assistant: Amanda Riedl

Interview Series: SUSTAINABILITY HISTORY PROJECT

Recording Equipment: DIGITAL RECORDER (WINDOWS MEDIA AUDIO FILE) WITH AN
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Time Notes

:45	Grew up in MI
1:30	TAG Program, great teachers
2:30	Wanted to be an artist – got into biology/science in high school –enjoyed creative teachers
4:15	No real interest/ knowledge of sustainability while growing up
5:00	In college, became interested in sustainability.
5:15	Healthy soil, got into plants. The fundamentals of growing plants lies in the soil
6:45	Into the outdoors, liked being outside, lots of field studies.
8:20	GEM center → Groundwater Education in Michigan
9:00	Sparked interest in teaching. Maybe a fall back plan?
9:45	Non-traditional teaching. Outdoors, etc.
10:20	GK12 Graduates working with K-12 students
11:15	Mission to bring Science based education. Worked in K-5 to create hands on lessons. Worked with kids outside in the garden. Had Mulching experiments. Kids made posters based on experiments. NSF GK12 Rural Science education program.
13:00	Lived in Hawaii for 4 years. Worked with Army Natural Resources → Protects endangered species on Army land.
15:00	Hands on conservation. Took volunteers into the Mountains to remove invasive species and developed signs.
17:00	Worked at parks and rec, EPA,
17:35	Took the Master Gardener classes. → decided to go to grad school and study that.
18:45	Sustainability: Keep things around for future generations.
19:20	H.Y.I. program started to fight childhood obesity. → start interest in gardens young- people will eat things they grow. → personal story about this.

Time Notes

21:00	Program focused on family eating, exercise and gardens.
22:00	Joined the program in November 2011

