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Interview with Erix Infante

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Interviewee: Erix Infante (EI)

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Julie Hale (JH): Today is October 25th, 2017. We are on Wright State campus in Dunbar Library for History 7700. My name is Julie Hale, and we are gonna start asking questions. [laughs] Sorry. [mumbling] I'm interviewing...

Erix Infante (EI): Erix Infante. I am a second-year graduate student here in the Public History Program and hopefully [laughing] going to be graduating by this April.

JH: What was your first day of classes like here at Wright State?

EI: First day of class, we had Methods [HST 7000: Historical Methods], and that was *terrifying*. I hadn't had school for like three and a half years, so jumping back into a Methods class, no less, was probably the scariest thing I've done in years. Um, so yeah, that was what my first day was like. And it was at like 6:00 p.m., so I had to wait *all* day to get that out of the way.

JH: What is your favorite thing about Wright State?

EI: I'd definitely say the faculty here. I would absolutely have to say that. They're very knowledgeable. They're more than willing to go out of their way to help students. And they're very connected in the industry, at least for the program that we're all in. And they have a lot of individuals that they can point you to if you have any other questions that they may not be able to assist you in.

JH: What do you want to do after you graduate?

EI: I want to work in... I'd like to work in a large museum and...yeah...hopefully *directly* after graduating. [laughs]

JH: Why did you choose Wright State?

EI: I chose Wright State because they had the best program that I had done research on. I had researched, like, a handful of schools, and I was never totally sold on any program. And yeah, I walked away after having a brief interview here without doubt that this was the school that I wanted to go to, and that this was the best program to go to, for Public History at least.

JH: Describe your typical day at Wright State.

EI: We have night classes, so I'd say I get anywhere [laughing], to class, maybe 10, 15 minutes before hand. I live on campus, so it's not too far away. But on...that's Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, I'm here very early. I start my day at 7:00---not *very* early---and then I leave around 3:30. I have G.A. [graduate assistant] office hours, I sit-in for Western Civ for about two hours, and then I have class myself.

JH: What is your favorite class?

EI: I'd say my favorite class was Exhibit Design. I *really* enjoyed that class. It was using computer programs to create exhibits and text panels and exhibit cases. And I *really* enjoyed that class. I thought it was most fun. And I'm volunteering doing that now, in fact.

JH: What is your least favorite thing about Wright State?

EI: Parking, definitely number one on the list. There's a lack of parking for students.

And, I'd say, that's about it. I'd say it's in a pretty nice location, and it's pretty easy to get to other places if you need to go anywhere, so yeah.

JH: What did you do this morning?

EI: I woke up, had some coffee, and I had some quiche. [laughs] And then I ran out the door to go volunteer at the Air Force Museum. And I was there all day until right now, until I came here.

JH: All right, thank you.

EI: All right, thank you.