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Interview with Riza Miklowski

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Interviewee: Riza Miklowski (RM)

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Erix Infante (EI): So, my name is Erix Infante. I will be interviewing you today. Today is October 25, 2017, and we are on the fourth floor of the Dunbar Library at Wright State University. And we are interviewing students here to see what a typical day is like in a Wright State student's life. So, if you could, please tell us your name, and what you do here at Wright State University, your program.

Riza Miklowski (RM): Oh, okay. My name is Riza Miklowski, and I am a first-year graduate student in the Public History concentration.

EI: Nice. What, if you can remember, what your first day was like here at Wright State...?

RM: Um, it was a little bit stressful, just because I was really nervous. Um, it's my first time away from home, because I went to undergrad...I commuted, so this was a big adjustment, and I was just really, a little bit anxious. But it turned out really good, and everybody was really friendly. And I feel like I've been able to talk more, which is usually kind of a problem for me.

EI: Oh, very nice! Well, so, where do you, where are you originally from? Like, where are you coming from then?

RM: Uh, Cleveland area.

EI: Oh! I'm from Cleveland. I'm from Amherst. I don't know if that rings a bell.

RM: Yeah.

EI: Okay, very nice. So, what is your favorite thing about Wright State?

RM: Um, probably the people I've met.

EI: Very nice.

RM: Everybody's really interesting and has a lot cool things to talk about and say.

EI: And what do you plan on doing after you graduate? Do you want to go into archives? Would you like to go into museums?

RM: That's still kind of in question, just because I like both sides, still. Even with the classes I've taken, I feel like I could go either way still.

EI: I can definitely understand that. I feel like all of us in the second-year program have flip-flopped at least five times. So, why did you choose Wright State?

RM: Um, I applied to a couple of other schools, but this one was the closest. And, um, it just seemed like this one would be the best fit as far as location. And the program has a really good reputation. The archivist, the previous archivist, at my old school, had gone to this program and really recommended it.

EI: Great. And what is your typical day like here at Wright State?

RM: Um, usually, so, my classes are all in the evenings. So usually in the morning, I'll get up, have breakfast, work out, and then study, study, study, until I go to class. And then study before bed.

EI: I feel like I should be doing a lot more of that. [laughing] And, so far, out of the classes that you've had, what is your favorite class?

RM: Um, I really liked the Intro to Public History with Drew Swanson, just because the books we're reading are really interesting and really thought-provoking, and it's really nice to have engaging discussions.

EI: And, what is your least favorite thing about Wright State?

RM: Um, I'm not quite sure just because I'm still getting a feel for the place. Um, parking's a little difficult. Um, it's a lot bigger, which could be taken...it's a pretty big campus, in my head, but that could be taken either way. Um...yeah.

EI: What did you do this morning? Or, what did you eat for breakfast?

RM: I had scrambled eggs, turkey sausage, chocolate milk, and a clementine.

EI: Very nice. Well, thank you very much. That's all I'll subject you to today.

RM: Okay, thank you.