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HERITAGE CONVERSATION PARTNERS PROJECT- SESSION 1

TRANSCRIPTION COVER SHEET

INTERVIEWEE: N/A

PRESENT: Aiden Modrell, Karin Bates, Kayla Watkins, Aiyana Montez, Hannah Miller, and Tally Eastman

PLACE OF INTERVIEW: Remote Zoom Session. Greeley, CO.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: This interview includes content on the participants talking about their name meanings, their childhood, where they would like to travel, their experience living in the United States, their astrological signs, and their family and pets.

REFERENCE:

- AMOD= Aiden Modrell
- KB= Karin Bates
- KW= Kayla Watkins
- AMON= Aiyana Montez
- HM= Hannah Miller
- TE= Tally Eastman

TRANSCRIPT

[Timestamp 0:00]

KB: Hey there!

AMOD: Hey.

KB: Can you hear me? You can? Okay, good. I was just checking. Let me see if my settings are okay... Yes, it appears, they are.

AMOD: It's on my end.

KB: Okay, good. Cool.

AMOD: So you can hear me okay?

KB: I can.

AMOD: Good, good.

KB: Good enough, yeah.

AMOD: My computer likes to choose a microphone that does not exist.

KB: Yes! Yes, sometimes mine will do that too, and also I'm on my newer work computer right now so it's like, it's got a better camera and... yeah it's more up to date. Cool and there's Hannah. I probably shouldn't have any of our stuff. I need to log into another account here like, let me just do that, I think I have about eight different gmail accounts now [laughs].

AMOD: Oh, of course [laughs].

KB: Yes, they're all like filling up the things and... let's see. I think all the stuff I want is on here... Oh, of course... All right, I have my new Google. Let's see if I can find what's in my drive real quickly... and just give you guys a little update now. Here we are... Okay, so.. oh I didn't erase her. So, last night I was trying to, and I can... I can repeat this later too. So, I was trying to get a hold of Rossana to confirm that she was coming and... I like sent this kind of elaborate email to everybody that's like, you know, here's your consent form and here's the curriculum and here's your zoom and you know made all this nice stuff that's really easy for them to, to look at and... I don't remember. I can't. I think what I did is I sent the email, and I said, you know I just haven't had that much contact with her, let me give her a phone call and I called her on the phone and I'm like hello, is this Rossana and she said yes, and I said this is Karen I'm from this cultural conversations that you signed up for and I'm just calling to check in with you and click, she hung up on me [laughs]. And then she removed herself from all the groups and I'm just like, okay I don't know what just happened [laughs]. I was a little nervous because I hadn't had that much contact with her, but last Friday evening, she did message with

me because I wanted to do like a practice zoom with some of the newer participants that I don't know like Oscar and... and Rossana, and she was messaging like "yeah I can, I'm free that evening" I'm like okay well here's my Zoom and we'll... we're going to join at 8pm on Friday evening, and she never showed up and I kind of tried to message, but you know anyway... yeah so anyway I'm sorry that's what happened. But the good news is, this morning after I reached out to... oh gosh I reached out to so many people... just to see if anybody was available, and one of my intercambio students, he's a little bit lower of a student, kind of like a level three... He said he agreed that he could participate, but not until next week so... Hi Kayla.

KW: Hi.

KB: Did you see all the messages that were going on and WhatsApp?

KW: Yeah.

KB: Okay, good. So, you kind of know that uh... you're getting a new participant next week [laughs], but not today so... oh good, Hannah's here.

KW: Yeah actually, I joined a little late, so I don't think I saw those ones.

KB: Oh you might not have... okay! So what happened was, is Rossana... I tried to call her last night to confirm everything and she hung up on me and then removed herself from all the groups.

KW: Oh!

KB: ...and apparently didn't want to... I even tried to send a message like... I took a, you know, a literal shot of my screen of like, "This is the questionnaire you filled out, do you not want to do this?" and then I didn't... I think she might have blocked my number even... I don't even know. So yeah. So, apparently she didn't want to participate, I didn't find out until late last evening so I've been scrambling to find someone else and a beautiful student named Oscar from Brazil has agreed to come on board. He is from Caracas, Venezuela, I believe... no, no, no I'm sorry, he is from Sao Paulo, Brazil. So, he's Brazilian, he speaks Portuguese. I don't know his age, he appears to be in his 40s and I know that he's married and has kids so, um, so he's kind of right in line with some of the other participants, I think, except for the newest one that we got for another group. I was just looking for his name here so I'm actually going to put his, um, his first name on the attendance sheet... real quick, while I have a minute here... Okay, and his name, um, it's Oscar Santesso [sp?] Gonçalves and it... it's one of the "c's" with the little whatever it's called at the bottom... I forget what it's called in Portuguese... in French it's the... um... I can't even remember what it is in French [laughs]. It's something with a "c"... um...

AMOD: If only we had Maddie (Smoker) here.

KB: Yes, exactly exactly... um and it's pronounced like a soft "s" sound, so it looks like "Goncalves" but it's actually Gonçaves...um, just so you know! And let's see, I think, can I put his phone number in here real quick? Yeah, I'm going to delete Rosanna's stuff and let me see if I can go ahead and put his information in. I have not emailed him yet, he only knows the time and that it's going to be next week, so I'm going to send him a big email to him, late this afternoon when I'm kind of done working with intercambio, and try to get him all the information that he needs, and I think he'll be pretty good. He's really good about getting on Zoom with the class. He's very personable, but he's very insecure about his speaking, so I think he's going to need, like, a lot of support. Just to kind of guide him, you know, through the questions and frequent checks like, "Do you understand? Does this make sense?" But he's really, really eager to try, like, he's... and he's got some great stories already that I've heard from him. So... and lots and lots about Brazilian culture that he's already shared, and I've only had like four classes with him, so, I think he's going to be a really fun and good participant, so maybe it's a good thing Rossana dropped out [laughs]. Let me, let me put his phone number in here real quick since I'm thinking of it, and I have all this right here in front of me, and his email is... [typing information into Google Spreadsheet]. Okay, so I've got all of that stuff and then I will... I will reach out to him a little later today and say, "here's your group and here's your emails". In this group... Tally was going to be late, right? And let's see, I was trying to see who else... it looks like Kaden and I know Maddy... could Maddy not come? Do you remember?

AMOD: I think she's just looking.

HM: I think she's support.

KB: Okay yeah, I was just kind of trying to see because... and actually, oh so a couple of people are support, that's right! So, Danny... Danny and Kaden are support and so is... so is Maddy. Okay, so I'm just going to highlight these three real quick. So actually, this is it isn't it? Except for Tally, it's... this will be the group, won't it? Oh, that's a nice size, I think he'll feel good about that so...yeah I'm just going to, yeah, kind of color them light blue here real quick, just so I realize "Okay, they're not actually going to be..." Very cool, oh that's awesome. Okay, and Hannah, I don't actually see you... oh there you are, you're the logistics coordinator with, uh, with Aiden. I was just looking for your name up there, so... Okay, perfect. Well, so yeah, that's kind of the scoop if you want to fill in Tally, and then like I was messaging with Mike this morning, and he said yeah you guys should just go ahead and go through the questions yourselves, and share with one another and just kind of get to know one another, and then next week when Paolo comes... I'm sorry, I put Oscar instead of Paulo... let me change that real quick [laughs]... You'll kind of probably just maybe introduce yourselves to him, and then ask him some of those personal questions. I don't know if I'm going to be able to get the data collection on him. So, maybe what I can do, let me find it here... What I'm

going to do is... Let's see... add collaborators. Um... let's see, I think... yeah so, what I'm gonna do is, um, I'm going to send you guys the actual Google form, not the... not the survey that the participants take, not that link, that the actual editable form... so just don't edit it [laughs]. But, I'm going to share the link in chat and, um, what you guys can do is look at those questions that are on there, and that's the data, the basic data, that needs to be collected for each participant, and I'll just have you guys make sure that you do that, um... and that's just so that you can see all the questions at once, and so it's the section, where it says personal information, and so you can kind of go through, and um... ask Paolo those questions, and if you need to, you know, share them on the screen with him, or if you... I'm... I'm pretty sure like, he is... I think he might be working for CU Boulder, but I'm not entirely sure. I'm curious myself, so yeah, anything you get from him, let me know. I'd be really curious, but like, especially when it comes to the schooling, um... you could like, instead of going through the checklist of, "Have you gone to elementary school?..." I'm pretty sure that he has finished some university, or has a university degree, so you could just ask him the question, "Do you have a university degree?" "What is your degree in?" and then, if he says, you know, "No, I don't", then you can say, "Did you... did you um... do you have a high school diploma?" but anyway, I'm pretty sure he's a pretty fairly educated guy, and he might even actually have graduate studies or a PhD. So, you can find that all out from him...um... I don't know what else... can you guys think of anything that you need before I go?

AMOD: I mean, I don't have any questions but I'm sure if anything comes up... you know.

KB: Just send me a WhatsApp. Oh, you know, send it... You can even send it to the whole group, because I get all the messages so... You know that'll be fine. You know, I'm just sorry that our person bailed, but I... it's so funny because this is, kind of like the nature of this kind of project, it's just... oh look, there's Tally, I'll say hi to her before I take off. Hey Tally!

TE: [waves] Hello!

KB: I came in, because I was just explaining the crisis situation that we had with Rossana hanging up on me and like, deleting herself from everything, so...[laughs]. But, we found out just this morning, um, a guy from Brazil... um, he's... he's a married guy with a couple kids living in Boulder... and he's one of my intercambio students. He agreed to come, starting next week, he said, "I'll rearrange my schedule," because he does sound really interested. And I think he needs, he just needs a lot of confidence building, and I think this is going to really help him build his confidence. So, that it would be something you could look at and post as well, is... you could even ask, "what is your, what is your confidence level of English now?" And then, at the end, in the post, when you have an opportunity to talk with him... um, I also did, to encourage him a little bit, I told him, it was only going till March 8th [laughs]. Which is a lie, but I knew that we would be doing the bulk of the research and that, that was after the week of spring break... um, it's kind of a wrap up session, so you could discuss it with him if he's actually free on March 22nd, and if he is, like, as you get towards the end, invite him to

that session. But if you can try to compact everything, and get it all done by March 8th, that would also be kind of awesome, because... I just was doing it because it sounded like, "but it's only five times and it's just from 11... it's one hour," you know... and it's at the time he normally has classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, so... you know, I was just trying to encourage him that, "oh it's just it's just five times, like you can do it." you know? [laughs]. So, I kind of left the 22nd off the table, because it made it sound like it was going to be a really long time, so um..., but you know, I'm sure as you're going along, like, "hey, can you... can you also meet, we're going to have like a goodbye party?", you know, make it sound like that, I'm sure he'd be into it [laughs]. But, try to just get everything done by March 8th, and that'll help you anyway, because then you'll have a lot, you know, finished a little early, maybe so um... So anyway, Tally, what I'm going to do is, I was explaining, I'm going to email him all the details about things like the Zoom link and your guys' contact information, like, give him all the things he needs and then he should be ready to go next Tuesday on... his name and phone number is already on the attendance and the Salmon [group sheet]... I just quickly did that, so you do have his contact information... So, um, if... I think what I'll do is I'm going to send him the emails first, then I will add him to the WhatsApp group. So, as soon as you see that he's been added to the WhatsApp group, then, then you can go ahead and like reach out and say we're so thankful. Maybe Aiden, you could take control of that... like, like, sometime by the end of the week, just reach out and say, "Hi, I'm Aiden. I'm the main contact. It's really...thank you so much for doing this," and I'm sure he's gonna be really cool, so yeah... so yeah! So, have fun talking about your questions!

AMOD: Oh, I do have one quick question.

KB: Sure.

AMON: Oh, I have a question too, when you're done Aiden! Is that okay?

KB: Yeah, that's fine!

AMOD: Um, should we go over the, uh, letter of consent this time or next week, when we actually have him?

KB: Yeah, do it next week with him. I mean, you guys, I think you can read the letter of consent easily and quickly, and so... and I don't even know, I'm assuming Mike needs to have you read and sign them too [laughs]. But for Paolo, what you'll do is kind of go through section by section, and he'll have... I'm going to email him a copy, so he might have read through it...um, but I think his reading is better than his speaking in English, so I think he's actually probably going to understand everything, but you might want to just kind of, walk through it and say, "Is this okay with you?" and then capture the verbal agreement on the recording like it is recording right now. So, Aiyana, what's your question?

AMON: Um, my question was just if you've been in touch with the, uh, social media coordinator lead about making a WhatsApp for all of the social media coordinators?

KB: Oh well, you know what, the lead social media coordinator can create a group for all you guys!

AMON: Okay.

KB: So I don't necessarily need to be involved with every single group...um, I'm kind of more like I'm... I'm putting myself in the groups with the English language participants, because my responsibility... I'm kind of like the lead for ensuring that they are doing okay.

AMON: Right.

KB: ...and that, you know, kind of doing the organizing back end of things.

AMON: Okay, and then...

KB: Yeah, you guys can just set up your own group!

AMON: I was looking on the spreadsheets and I didn't see who was the lead for me to contact.

KB: You know, that's a good question. Let's see here if it says... on Salmon, oh no, this is, on the other one, hold on... Oh gosh, I'm not on my work computer so... here it is, okay. So yeah, it's like a matter of just finding who's got what and where. So, let's see, the lead social media coordinator is Miranda Bermudez. She's on Team Evergreen. So, if you need to like, go to the tab where all the contact information is and look up Miranda, she should be there. So, she's the lead! Yeah, she can be responsible to set up a WhatsApp group and then add all of the social media coordinators.

AMON: Awesome, thank you so much.

KB: Sure, yeah you bet. Any other awesome, excellent questions? Okay, well I'll let you guys get to know each other through those questions so that you have something to transcribe and analyze, and have a really good rest of the week and I'll be in touch, and if you need anything else just send me a message or email. All right, take care, you guys.

[KB leaves]

AMOD: Bye!

AMON: Bye!

AMOD: Hi guys!

TE: Hello!

HM: Hey.

AMOD: We have now like, 45 minutes... so [laughs].

TE: Okay, so are we basically, just going to like, answer them individually in the group, like answer the introductory questions, instead of... through our person.

AMON: Yeah I feel like that's what she wanted us to do.

TE: Okay, yeah.

AMOD: Talk as if we are English learners.

TE: Right? Okay.

AMON: Um, do you guys want to do like... a popcorn method, or I can go first, if you guys want.

AMOD: Sure! Go for it.

TE: Sure!

AMON: So... I have the little thing pulled up. Okay, so I'm Aiyana Montez, and my name does have, kind of, a significant meaning. It's Native American. My dad was Native American and my mom was really involved in Native American culture, and that's kind of how they met each other. Sorry, I'm like losing my voice right now. Um... and let's see, I was born in Denver, but I was raised in San Diego. Um, I have lived in the United States my entire life. I would like to travel abroad, though. Um, and maybe live abroad for who knows how long, we'll see.

AMOD: Any specific country?

AMON: I would love... I want to travel around Europe a lot, like, I want to go everywhere in Europe. But, um, I'm also really interested in Japan, South America and Mexico... you know, anywhere. I'd love... Canada is beautiful too. The only place I'm not super interested in is Australia, they have really big spiders so... and a lot of poisonous snakes [laughs], so not super interested in that. Um, my ambitions for... or my educational goal, so I'm not learning English with this, obviously, but I am very excited to kind of dip my toe into, like, anthropological research, since I've been stuck all four years of college doing psychological research, which is grueling and no fun really and very confined... so this is new for me, it's very exciting. What is important for you guys to know about me? That's kind of a... it's kind of an open ended question. Um... something to know about me... Okay, I have... just maybe because you guys are my group members, I do have pretty severe ADHD. I am medicated, I take my meds so... and I work really hard to try to be as organized as possible, but I can sometimes be forgetful. So, please let me know if I'm ever forgetful or if I'm ever not doing

anything that you guys are needing for me, because I respond really well to somebody just letting me know. I promise I won't be mad at you or upset with you, I will try my best not to...

TE: I am the same way, I have severe ADHD too. And I'm medicated too.

AMON: In my class, together with fidget spinners and the like...yes.

TE: If you like, if you do... like if you're chaotic, I will be too. I guess that's a PSA for me as well, but I understand the energy, and I need help remembering. You and I are going to try together.

AMON: Yeah, yeah.

AMOD: Everyone keeping each other accountable.

AMON: I'm super organized with writing everything down in my planner...um, but, now I'm super excited that we have a WhatsApp because those reminders are, like, crucial to me too. So... um, "what is something that is important to know where I'm from?" oh, I just lost the page, hang on... okay um... let's think about that... Well, growing up in San Diego, um, I think that the culture was honestly a lot different than my time living in Colorado...um, It sounds like maybe a little cliché, but everybody else seems pretty laid back and just very kind and friendly.. um, Colorado, or at least the Denver area, it's very, "go go go". People don't really talk to you or want to make friends out in public or things like that, but um...also I grew up on, kind of, a farm, so it was like, in a rural area in San Diego so I have lots of animals, so maybe that's something important about me. Um, "what's the easiest thing about being in the US and what's the hardest?" Living in America can be, you know, it's a little difficult at times [laughs]. The easiest thing about it is probably that all my family's here and all my friends are here, so, yeah!

TE: There you go! Okay, should we just do it, one by one?

AMON: Yeah-

AMOD: Sure.

AMON: -Sorry I was just like going off!

TE: No, that's completely fine for me I don't care at all!

AMON: That's how my brain was working.

TE: Like you said in yours, it was like, "well, I'm from here, I don't really have much, like, outside cultural knowledge," so I think the like...because even what you said, like, the difference with Colorado... I think, is going to be very... like the learning experience of the person we're talking to, because what you've said about people being a little less friendly is honestly true from what I've heard from people who've moved here from out of state or my

parents... are in South Dakota, like, 50% of the time because it floats their boat, and so they're like, "The people here so friendly! I have no friends in Colorado, no one talks to you"... they're just all going to, like, work. Like in their own way.

AMON: Definitely, I think the culture is changing in Colorado as we see more out-of-staters move in, but I moved here in high school and it was just like, a world of difference, I was so out of my element.

TE: Yeah, it's a very weird state, honestly.

AMON: Yeah, strange [laughs].

TE: Okay...

AMON: Do you want to go to the next Tally?

TE: I can! Do you want me to just knock it out? I'll do it.

AMON: Does anybody else want to offer up going next?

AMON: Oh, I see the... [unintelligible]

AMOD: [laughs] Tally, go ahead!

TE: I'll do it, I'll take it, I don't care, I'm so my name is Tally. Uh, my mom... question mark... decided on my name. There's like a few big vague stories surrounding it, like, how it came to be. There's no actual meaning behind it, it's just always important for my mom that I distinguish that it's not Leah. My name is not short for anything. Um, so I'm the only Tally I've ever met, which is nice. That's like the cool thing... um, I was born and raised in Loveland, Colorado. I live in Loveland, Colorado and I commute to school. So, it's so interesting how much I've seen wow um... so yeah, I've lived in the United States for 20 years, the only break that I had, um, from Loveland was living in Colorado Springs for two years, when I was younger. Um, and those two years were kind of just like party years in my head. Like, they were just fun, I was in like a first and second grade, [unintelligible]like chocolate chip cookies, like, it was literally just a party for two years. And so, I've not really experienced much cultural shift outside [unintelligible]. My ambitions for, like, the educational goal is, kind of, a lot of almost like, the pillars that we talked about yesterday, like the care when it comes to working with the other person. I think that's definitely my main educational goal, is like... the side of it, that's the anthropology in me, but I think my goal is really just, like, the connection with the actual person, and being able to, kind of, validate, especially with how she discussed it, the guy we're going to be working with might be a little more nervous. Like, I would love to have the goals of like, working and giving him a little more confidence to be like, you're going to have a lot of societal pressure, but there's nothing wrong with the progress you're making. And, I just kind of want to have that goal of being able to, kind of like, learn that in myself, like, to have the care in myself and like

[unintelligible]... “to know about me?” I guess first things first, ADHD. I love to be all over the place, and so I will get distracted... if I don't make eye contact, that's another big thing. If I don't make eye contact with you, while I'm talking or I'm, like, playing with things, it's because I'm listening. If I'm, like, looking at you, and making eye contact and nodding with you, it's a lie, I don't know what you're saying, if I'm just-

AMON: I totally agree.

TE: It's... I have to preface it, um, because it's even, like, I will do anything, but look in the eye. So if I'm not looking you in the eye it's, not because I don't care. It's because, if I look you in the eye, I will not know what you're saying. The audio will stop processing. Um, I'm also very sleepy because I have narcolepsy, so if I'm yawning, again I'm not bored, it just happens. No matter how much caffeine I drink, it's going to happen. Um... “to know about where you are from”. I mean, I guess, a lot of you guys obviously have the insight of the area. I think the important thing to know about where I'm from, is just like, the community of it, like the people of Colorado are different, almost, like we've discussed. Even like, we're just a very specific state, when it comes to one kind being a little more “hippy dippy” they go just a little bit more.. in my experience, like, the community is either kind of like middle class or, like, stuck up, or the, like, hippie end. Um, the easiest thing about the US is probably the privilege of it, like, because we just do have a lot of systems here that benefit certain areas of privilege...um, and the fact that it's all I've ever known, so it's kind of a good default, but the hardest thing about being the US is the US of it and, like [laughs]. All the other parts and the people. I do not want to be here my whole life, I'm definitely going to move abroad and/or stay there. So, the hardest thing is definitely, just like, staying afloat here, and seeing all of the stress and, like the state of the world, but, that's about it. I think that's all the questions.

KW: So, where would you want to move to?

TE: Oh God, that's the thing, I have no idea. I want to visit everywhere... The main places I'd want to move are probably A) within the US. I want to start by going to the Pacific Northwest like Oregon and Washington...

AMON: My gosh I would love to live there. So beautiful.

TE: That's like the only... all of my friends are also there. I've had... most of the friends in my life for, like, ever so, I have, like, a best friend in Texas, who wants to move there... all of my close friends who I've had since early high school want to move... [unintelligible] just so happened that like, ee have a whole new friend community there... but I'd love to move there, and then anywhere Europe, but especially something like Finland, Netherlands kind of thing because they have... they have... they have some stuff figured out that I like that they have figured out so... mainly there but, honestly it's kind of just like where the wind takes me because of my philosophy side, no set place.

AMON: I totally agree, I'm the same way.

KW: Mmhmm.

AMON: I want to dip my toe into the water a little bit of everywhere-

TE: And that's exactly what it is, and especially-

AMOD: It's the anthropology in us.

AMON: When I can figure out a place, I want to settle down.

TE: It's that, it's the anthropology in us. And I've been out of the country, thankfully, but I've never been to Europe, so I think that's also part of it was like, I don't know what it's actually like. So, I had a cousin that lived in England for a few years for soccer, and it was like the kind of thing he was like had I had all the appeal I loved all these different cool cultural things I wanted to move there... then I hate it, was so cold, it was rainy, it was dreadful, and I was like, maybe I need to reconsider if, like where in the world I'd want to go.

AMOD: I don't know... if you're thinking about the Pacific Northwest and you're not fond of England [laughs].

TE: He doesn't want to move there. I'm fine with it. Thankfully. The rain is nice.

AMOD: I very much agree.

TE: I think that's all, I don't know. I don't think I have anything else interesting.

AMOD: I can go next if no one else wants to.

TE: Of course..

AMOD: So, I'm Aiden. I chose my own name and I chose it, because it means "little fire" in Gaelic, and I thought that was adorable.

AMON: Oh, my gosh, that's so cool. Love that.

AMOD: And the Aries in me really wanted to show it off.

AMON: My gosh, should we go around and everybody say their signs.

TE: If you guys know it, I would eat that up. I would love that.

AMON: Sorry to interrupt you, Aiden.

AMOD: We can do it, oh no, you're good. Big three or just sun sign?

AMON: I don't know my big three.

TE: I can tell you my big three because it will explain everything about me if [unintelligible] this semester.

AMOD: Yeah, cause I'm Aries ' sun. Scorpio moon and Leo rising.

TE: That's so interesting, oh I'm such an astrology person.

AMON: I'm an Aquarius.

TE: I am too.

AMON: I don't remember my...wow, I feel like we're soulmates, Tally.

TE: [unintelligible]

AMON: I don't remember my chart because my chart didn't make any sense to me. It didn't really-

TE: I know all of my chart. It's very embarrassing. My whole... I'm it, I am an astrology kid because all of my best friends are. So like, learning by association.

AMON: Oh, my gosh I need to learn more about it.

TE: There's so much, I'm an Aquarius sun too, and then I'm an Aries moon and rising. So apologies for the fact that I'm loud all the time. [unintelligible].

KW: Can you guys hear me?

TE: yeah

KW: I am a sun Leo, moon Cancer and um, rising Leo.

TE: I love that. I love that moon for you.

AMOD: It's such... a contrast.

KW: It really is.

TE: It's very true.

HM: Um, I don't know my, like, big three but, I'm a Gemini and that's all I know [laughs].

TE: Love all the energy, yeah. Okay, that was a good introductory....

AMOD: Yeah, very very nice, now we know!

TE: I'll ask everyone.

AMOD: I'm actually from the Greater London area. My family, uh, comes from all around England and Ireland. I moved to the US when I was six years old, so I've been here for 19 years.

I was bullied out of my accent at a young age. I also blame how Colorado is for that. As for my educational goals, I'm really excited to kind of, get more practice, and like, job experience for the more cultural anthropology aspect of things. I'm not sure what's important for you guys to know about me, I also have ADHD. Me being the logistics coordinator is how I'm organizing that, so that I always know when we're supposed to be doing stuff. Um...the easiest thing about being in the US is that it's so similar to the United Kingdom. It's... I basically feel like I fit right in, there wasn't really much of a change, besides some like, linguistics differences. As for the hardest thing, definitely small children, when you have a different accent if you're, you know, different at all, elementary school children are vicious sometimes.

AMON: Ruthless.

AMOD: Yeah, that's that's me.

AMON: Wow! Thank you for sharing.

KW: I never would have guessed you came from a different country, honestly.

AMOD: Yeah, definitely um, I've assimilated.

AMON: I can't believe that they would bully you out of your accent, that's like the most precious accent there is.

TE: Right? Now, it's like a hot commodity.

AMOD: I don't know, the Londoner accent isn't exactly great. It's a lot like the, "oi governor" type accent more than the nice, soft English accent but, they definitely wanted me to have it when I got to high school.

AMON: Yeah.

AMOD: It was like you guys are the ones that pushed me out of it, don't talk to me.

TE: Like, you created this, what are you talking about? Plus, there's so much variety in accents in the United Kingdom, there's just so many different variations, it's crazy. How much do you remember from there, like do you just remember like a little bit and then moving here?

AMOD: Um, I actually remember quite a bit from the later years, just before I moved out of England. I definitely... we went back and forth a lot, as we were kind of getting things together, because, of course, all of my family is still over in England.

TE: Uh huh.

AMOD: So it's a lot of just kind of looking at how England and America have kind of grown together, while also apart, is interesting.

TE: Yeah, that makes a lot of sense, it is really interesting. [dog barking in the background] Sorry, I have like five dogs so, it's bound to happen. I'm so sorry.

KW: Um, I could go next, if that's fine. I'm Kayla and I don't think my first name has any significance at all, but I think my last name is Irish so, and I don't know much about my ancestry so that's kind of like the one thing I hold on to. Um... I was born in Michigan. I've been back and forth, but I've also jumped around the South a bit. Um, I've lived in the US my whole life, never have left it, but I would love to. Um, my education goal for this, I really like learning about cultures. I love talking to people who have come from out of the country and, like my boyfriend's from Venezuela, so. I just like learning about other people from around the world. And what is important for you guys to know about me is probably that I have endometriosis, so what that means is, sometimes I may or may not be able to be in the Zoom. But, I can still keep contact with you guys. It's no problem. Um, what is something important about where I'm from? It's cold, I don't know [laughs].

AMON: Cheese curds! Right?

KW: That's Wisconsin [laughs].

AMON: Oh, nevermind! [laughs].

KW: Close enough though. Um, the easiest thing about being in the US is... um... I guess, just, I grew up here, so I know the ins and outs of it, but the hardest thing is probably, for me personally, the healthcare system, especially women's health, is a huge problem. Among many other things. So yeah, I think that's it.

TE: I fully relate with the healthcare system, it's no fun to navigate at all- [dog moving in background] [to dog] Why?

KW: It took me seven years to get diagnosed and finally get surgery.

TE: Yeah, my mom has a lot of the sleep disorders that I have so like, she was kind of a guinea pig and got diagnosed and she was like, wait you're also like sleeping everywhere what's this going on. And it was the same thing, like we had to jump doctors cause like we had it on the paper, like the diagnosis, and he was like you don't have it and we're like, okay interesting and like, jump hospitals. It's annoying.

KW: Super annoying.

AMOD: Gotta love the United States healthcare system and their ability to not get anything done.

TE: It's a talent, honestly.

AMON: There's a lot of systemic issues as a whole.

TW: Yeah!

AMOD: And then, they'll charge you \$500 for doing nothing.

TE: Good lord, right? It's so fun, so fun here. Love it here. Okay.

HM: Well, I guess, since I'm the last one, I'll go ahead and go. So, my name is Hannah. There's not like, a big significance to my name, but my sisters and I all have double letters in our name, so I have two n's, one of my sisters has two d's, two b's, two e's and then two m's[?] so we all have double letters to connect our names. And then, I know my parents were trying to decide on the spelling for my name. My dad wanted it without the H, my mom wanted it with the H and my mom won, so it has the H, at the end. And I'm from right here and Greeley, I've never lived outside of Greeley... um and so yeah, I have left the United States once and that was Canada, when I was like six or seven. It doesn't really count, though, because it was like right on the border of Montana, and it wasn't far from where my grandparents live, so it didn't really feel like I left that much. Um, and so I don't have any English learning goals, because it's my first language but from this, I just want to actually apply anthropology versus just learning about in the classroom. I mean like, I felt like with other Kimball classes, I have applied it a little bit, like a nano, from last semester at the interview. I felt like, I was applying some of the concepts, but this is like a different way of doing it so, I'm excited to do that um and then I don't think there's a lot that's, like, important for you to know about me. I'm like, I'm really shy and introverted so I'm more of like a listener, rather than like a speaker but I'll definitely make sure to hop in and talk so it's not just like I'm creepily watching all the time [laughs]. Um and, and I feel like you guys all know Greeley probably pretty well, so it's not like you guys don't know anything and there's something I can share that you wouldn't already know, especially like Tally since you're from Loveland. You know you're right there, so it's not super-

TE: To make you feel better, I actually do not know Greeley. Okay, I have yet to explore outside of campus. I mean, I've driven around a few times, but I have never been in Greeley, like my whole life, we just never went there.

AMON: Okay gosh unpopular opinion, but I love it here.

HM: Me too. I love it. That's why I haven't left.

AMOD: I just don't leave my apartment.

AMON: And I'm so sad to leave. I grew up in kind of, a smaller town, like on the outskirts of San Diego, so I just love this small town, like, community vibe, um, that's what I love so much about here. Like, being able to like go to the store and like, bump into people that I know and things like that, I love that.

HM: Yeah, for sure! And I think what I like about Greeley is that it's small but it's also big. And, it's like so close to everything like, it's close to Loveland and it's close to Denver, and

like Estes Park so it's not like, I feel like I'm trapped and I can't go anywhere, like I'm just stuck in a tiny town with nothing to do... and I think that's part of what I love about it and then, I don't know, I just love the area and I like the mountains, so I don't plan to ever leave, really, except to travel, because I really do like traveling. But yeah that's about all I know, oh, if you guys ever want to know fun things to do in Greeley, I am such a nerd and I like to do a bunch of like, local things, so if you guys ever want ideas, I've got like a million.

KW: I think it's funny that you bring up, like, small towns and feeling trapped, because I actually lived in Fort Morgan for like 10 years. I don't know if you know where that is but... it was not good [laughs]. There was nothing to do there except for go to walmart.

HM: [laughs].

TE: My, my parents are much more small town people, I also think right now, I'm the same way, where I love Loveland because it's just central. Like, it's 30 minutes from the friends I went to high school there, so I know a lot about Fort Collins compared to other places, like it's right next to Longmont or Denver. Like it's... you can visit, but they're, they're right outside of like Rapid City, South Dakota most of the time, and it's so weird to see the difference, even [unintelligible] like in Greeley that's the thing that you have like options to do, which is really, really nice is that you can either like do this or something else, or whatever, but like small towns in South Dakota are quite literally like the 12 people that are there are the 12 people that are there, like everyone knows everyone.

HM: Yeah, my parents live in a really small town in Montana, and like that's where my mom grew up and we go visit, I'm like what is there to do, because then the closest city is like, there's like tiny ones, but they don't count because there's nothing but like, Billings, like two and a half hours away. And, it's just, it's terrible because I'm like, I'm so bored, there's nothing to do except go to their dollar store and like stare at their hills that are a million miles away [laughs].

TE: Thankfully, they're... my parents are kind of central and, like the touristy part of South Dakota over where the Black Hills are. But, the town my mom grew up in, in South Dakota, is literally so small that it doesn't have a single stoplight. Like low lights in the town because there's one Main Street you like.... there's not enough people to stop at a light. And so she's like, "I love this, I love knowing like seven people" and I'm like, "mom, like the grocery store and the gas station in town are connected. They're in one building." So, I'm like, "what do you do?" And she's like, "you kind of just hang out" and I'm like, "why do you hang out with the same people?" I can't do it, I don't know how, when it's that small.

KW: [Cat comes on screen] This is Dexter. He's joining us today.

AMOD: Hello Dexter! I love him.

TE: I have none of my pets hear me, I have, okay, well, I can hear one, but I can't... I have two guinea pigs, I can hear them drinking water.

KW: [talking to Hannah] Who's that?

HM: [holding a cat] This is my family's cat Cova (spelling?). Um, and then we have one more in my room right now, and that's my sister's cat is Skittish, and then my cat is upstairs sleeping, and his name is Robert.

TE: King.

AMON: We have two cats in our house, they're not in here right now, one of them's a kitten so he's rambunctious but their names are Gravy and Ollie. Gravy literally looks like a sack of biscuits and gravy, he is the chonkiest boy, he's so precious.

TE: [holding up a dog] This is [unintelligible]. This is Lady.

KW: Aww.

TW: The other two I ever boxers, so I can't really pick them up.

KW: I have two more cats, they're not here but they're Stubby and Beans.

TE: I love all these names.

AMOD: I have a fake plant.

TE: That's [does hand signal for 'perfect']

AMON: Oh my gosh, I have over 30 plants in my room. As you guys can see.

TE: [unintelligible] [talking to Lady] Where are you going?

AMOD: Oh, I could never. I can barely take care of myself, let alone 30 plants.

AMON: Oh, my gosh, I love them. It can definitely be hard, sometimes we do get distracted and I'm like, "oh, I haven't watered them in a week" but, they're easier to take care of pets, I think.

TE: They probably are.

AMON: I'm working my way up to-

TE: I'm such a, like, an animal mom.

AMON: -a hamster. But with the two cats I'm worried that we won't.

KW: What a cutie!

TE: I'm obsessed. I'm obsessed with everyone that has cats, because I can't have them right now. So, like okay. I guess, we can ask, between now and next week, are we meant to do some of these questions with him next week. Or should we just choose a few from this list, instead of doing the whole thing? But we might even have time, since like, it took each of us only like a couple minutes, right? For him to do his?

KW: Yeah, we could like to focus on his more and us, kind of like, shorten ours down.

TE: Uh huh. Yeah, okay, and kind of just give him the context of like, all of us just speak English and don't know what we're doing in life so like, you're... we're here to learn about interesting things um.

AMON: I feel like we could do like, what our name is and where we're from.

TE: Mmhmm.

AMOD: Yeah, just like small introductions.

TE: Yeah, plus even the ones that have something important to know about or like what's important about you like, we can answer those for him or like what we've experienced at least for the most part, like being raised in the US. Because it seems like, especially if his strength is a lot more in like reading it, and he probably just hasn't like... I don't know how long he's lived in the country, but obviously it's a different period than we have. I think that's the only question I really have for next week.

HM: Um, I guess I do have a small question. I know, like I think his last class... not yesterday, but the week before, they mentioned something about facilitators for each meeting. I don't know, do we kind of, do we want to just run it like we did today, or do you want to assign someone to be in charge? I don't know [laughs].

TE: I understand, I'd be fine to take notes throughout. The other good thing is, since we will have the recording and transcript is that we can fill in any notes or any like missed [unintelligible]. I would say, if anything stands out to you at any point, you can easily jot it down, um, when it comes to note taking, like even I would be completely fine to volunteer of likem writing, almost, down the answers to the questions that he responds with we've been will have the recording.

AMOD: Do you guys have the shared Google drive folder?

HM: Um I didn't click on it, but I got the message yesterday, I think I should be able to get it.

AMOD: Yeah, there's a document in there that's called "weekly session notes" and we could all, you know, collectively do notes if we find something interesting.

TE: I will look. I probably got it if you sent it.

AMON: Is that in the WhatsApp?

TE: Uh huh. Is it?

AMOD: No, it's-

HM: On Canvas right.

AMOD: Yes, in the Canvas messages.

AMON: Okay.

AMOD: I can also post the link in WhatsApp.

TE: Okay okay yeah I'll look for it, but I can't find it on Canvas somehow. Then I will ask you for it there.

AMOD: Here you go. Let me know if that works.

TE: There we go, okay, I found it.

KW: Okay, I got to it.

TE: Awesome, okay. I don't think I have any more questions [unintelligible] than anything else, technically. Do any of you have any other questions, comments, anything for next week?

KW: Nope.

AMOD: I'm sure this would have gone longer if we actually had our informant but...

TE: I mean... we're like, it's very close.

AMOD: We are extremely close. I'm very proud of us.

TE: I know. I was like this, having that for an hour, we did it. Good for us.

AMON: Okay, if nobody else has any questions, should we adjourn the meeting?

HM: Yes.

KW: Yep.

AMOD: Yep, yep I'm good if you guys are.

AMON: I hope you all have a good rest of your week

TE: Yeah.

KW: See you guys next week.

AMOD: You too!

TE: See you guys next week!