

Transcript of Interview with Robert Williams by Matthew Williams

Interviewee: Robert Williams

Interviewer: Matthew Williams

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Abstract: This interview is with Robert Williams who speaks about how working from home during the pandemic had some positive impacts.

Matthew Williams 0:04

Okay. Hello, my name is Matthew Williams, and I am a graduate student intern with the COVID-19 Archive at ASU. The date is February 22 2021, and the time is 5:55pm, and I'm speaking with Robert Williams. I want to ask you a question about your pandemic experience but before I do, I would like to ask for your consent to record this response for the COVID-19 Archive. The COVID-19 Archive is a digital archive at ASU that is collecting pandemic experiences. Do I have your consent to record your response and add it to the archive with your name?

Robert Williams 0:45

Yes you do.

Matthew Williams 0:47

Thank you. First, can you tell me your name, age, race and where you live?

Robert Williams 0:55

Okay. My name is Robert Williams. And I'm 67 years old. I live in Hackettstown, New Jersey, and I identify as white.

Matthew Williams 1:09

Thank you, I'd like to ask you a quick question about the pandemic. So, we have experienced a lot of changes in 2020, and many have been negative and disruptive, but perhaps it's not all bad. What's one positive thing you've experienced during the pandemic?

Robert Williams 1:25

I think it proved without a doubt that if your job will support it, you can work from home. So that'll cut way back on any kind of commuting, both in time, fuel usage. It'll cut way back on, on

people being away from their houses for long hours. So I think that that is, that's a positive thing from COVID.

Matthew Williams 1:51

Excellent. Thank you. I appreciate your time today, and I hope you have a good rest of your day.

Robert Williams 1:57

Okay. Thank you very much. You have a good day as well.