



Urbana 2015 Ethnic Identity Story Corps Interview

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My name is Jonathan Walton. I am 29 years old and I am here with ____.
My hope is to better understand ethnic identity, racial justice and reconciliation. I appreciate ____ taking the time to share his/her story with me.

Could you tell me a little about your Mom and Dad and where they were from?

What did the house you grew up in sound like? What phrases, sayings or languages stick with you from your childhood? What did you see/hear when you stepped out of your front door?

What would a typical meal during the week look like for you? Ex. What was in your school lunch or dinner on a Tuesday night?

What was the neighborhood like that you grew up in? What are/were some of the experiences that made you feel at home there or unwelcome?

What are your fears or hesitations about talking about race and racism with white people? With people of the same race?

What advice, warnings, or orders did your parents or grandparents give you about friendships and dating?

What were the expectations for you around education and career?

How does your family treat its elders?

What is one thing you wish your white friends understood about you and your background?

What questions do you wish those from other backgrounds from you would ask/not ask?

What experience would you invite your friends of different ethnicities to in order to get to know you better?

Thank you so much for sharing your story with me. Is there anything else that you would like to share?