

Int. 1 1 Trista	Interviewing Stephanie Dickey, October 15 Friday. Okay, so I'm just ask you some questions about where you were born, where else you lived besides that place, and a little information about your family. [Alright]
2 SD	[Okay] Mm Hmm.
3 Trista	So where were you born?
4 SD	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
5 Trista	Um, when when were you
6 SD	1974 March 1.
7 Trista	Okay um. What neighborhood did you grow up in? Did you grow up in The Hill or?
8 SD	I grew up in The Hill District.
9 Trista	How long did you live there?
10 SD	I lived there until I was thirteen and then I moved to Hazelwood, and lived there for four years, and then moved back to The Hill for the rest.
11 Trista	Okay. Um, so so you've lived basically in another other area of Pittsburgh besides The Hill District.
12 SD	Yes.
13 Trista	And when did you move out of the?
14 SD	I moved out of Hazelwood, lets see I live there for my whole high school. So for 1988 til like 1992 we lived there for four years.
15 Trista	Um.
16 SD	And then we moved back to The Hill.
17 Trista	Okay. Um do you travel much outside of Pittsburgh?
18 SD	Yes, when I can.
19 Trista	Were like were do you go? Like?
20 SD	Charlotte, North Carolina, Ohio, Maryland, Florida, that's about it.
21 Trista	Okay. Um what does your what does your parents do for a living?
22 SD	My mom is a business manager at Carnegie Mellon University. My father, I don't know.

23 Trista	Okay. Would you say growing up that your family um was part of the working class, middle class?
24 SD	My mom was the working class.
25 Trista	Okay. Um so you guys really weren't struggling or really poor growing up or?
26 SD	Um at one point we were. [You know..]
27 Trista	[Mm Hmm.]
28 SD	My mom had lost her job, and then at that point we were kind of struggling. But after that, she made she got into Carnegie Mellon, and then we were able to boost back up. But for one point, yea we were struggling.
29 Trista	When did she, when did she um start working at Carnegie Mellon. When you were in high school?
30 SD	It had to ( ) well yea because it was, she's been at CMU for fifteen years. So it was even before that. So (I'm) think I might just been going into high school when she got her job.
31 Trista	Okay. Um so speaking of school, what school did you go to?
32 SD	I went to Aliowile for elementary school. I went Margaret Marlines middle school. (Those) both schools were in The Hill District. And then I went to Basheer High school which is in Beach view.
33 Trista	Okay. Um how many years uh of school did you get a chance to finish?
34 SD	Um I finished all high school, and um I was able to get my associates degree, and now I'm pursuing my bachelors.
35 Trista	Okay. Um were did you go to get your associates degree?
36 SD	At CM school of business in Pittsburgh.
37 Trista	Okay. What was your first job when you left high school?
38 SD	Was doing temporary employment like office work. And then I got my first job at Mellon Bank.
39 Trista	Yea you you and I were talking about little about that earlier. Uh how was that experience at working?
40 SD	Uh ((clears throat))
41 Trista	[Mellon Bank]
42 SD	[Interesting] it was it was hard um it was just basically was data entry. Just making sure it did teach me focus and um knowing your numbers cause that's what I had to deal with a lot. [So]
43 Trista	[Mm Hmm]

44 SD	It was actually, I mean it was a good job. I didn't want to do school, I wasn't ready for school. I just needed a break so and wanted to help my mom out so that's why I got a job.
46 Trista	Okay. Um so what do you do for a living now?
47 SD	Right now I'm a coordinator of academic programs in the English Department. So basically advise, make sure the undergraduates are on track for graduation, taking the right classes, um make graduate students are on track for writing their dissertation. So basically I handle all student student office whatever.
48 Trista	Okay. So what like ((clear throat)) do you see yourself as part of the middle class, working class now that you are?
49 SD	I still consider myself working. [I mean]
50 Trista	[Okay]
51 SD	I gotta live check by check so I mean I consider myself working. I'm not like above that, but I think working. I'm not struggling but..
52 Trista	Mm Hmm. Um so so so would you, how do identify yourself as far as ethnicity? Like do you really connect with your blackness or would you say that you really are someone celebrates your culture?
53 SD	Oh I connect with my blackness. I'm proud to be an African American, and proud of it.
54 Trista	Mm Hmm.
55 SD	And I try as hard as I can to make other people, and to really bring that into where I work at.
56 Trista	Mm Hmm. So how do you try to do that like what do you do?
57 SD	Um, I'm trying to do right now I'm working on the minority recruitment and trying to just expand because Carnegie Mellon just doesn't have enough. And I'm really trying to let people see (that there) are minorities that you can get a good education too.
58 Trista	Mm Hmm.
59 SD	And you don't have to be steered away because you feel that its Carnegie Mellon, and you don't have enough to go and that's what I'm trying to do. I'm working on trying to bring more in by having other people working with me.
60 Trista	Okay. Um, so what other ways do you celebrate your blackness. Do you celebrate Kwanzaa, do you um?
61 SD	Just doing like little things like when its black history month, or anything that I don't do Kwanzaa or anything but anytime there's something where its like I guess like not like a black day or anything like that. But whenever there's like a lot of people I don't do the Kwanzaa, but whenever there's like something African Americans do or like this is our day, that's what I try [to].

62 Trista	[Mm Hmm.]
63 SD	[Do] And I try to do things like that.
64 Trista	[Mm Hmm]
65 Trista	Do you would you say like um music is part of the [the] celebration too?
66 SD	[Yes]
67 SD	Mm Hmm. Mm Hmm. Music and plays like going to see plays and the... You know little the little plays that don't really get that much recognition that's what I really try to shoot for.
68 Trista	So like give me example.
69 SD	Like um we'll say Tyler Perry.
70 Trista	[Mm Hmm.]
71 SD	[Like] if I can really help out him I mean his a struggling African American really trying to make it, and I would definitely go see his plays. Really put the money in trying to support those. Or like little concerts around where there trying to take money. Like if they have like little, I'll say like Juneteenth.
72 Trista	Mm Hmm.
73 SD	I'll try to do stuff like that because I know what that really brings us back in the slavery [days]
74 Trista	[Right]
75 SD	So I would try to go and support that.
76 Trista	Right.
77 SD	And do what I can.
78 Trista	Okay. Um so like black playwrights like Tyler Perry, who don't get as much exposure
79 SD	Mm Hmm.
80 Trista	Um he really hits home to you because he actually sort of demonstrates or portrays like sort of like a black lifestyle, is that?
81 SD	Mm Hmm.
82 Trista	Or or really tries to get at how black folks are living.

83 SD	Mm Hmm.
84 Trista	Um [day in and day out]
85 SD	[It's something] you can something you, you can at any of his plays you feel one thing that, and it is like your life.
86 Trista	[Mm Hmm.]
87 SD	[One thing] that you can pinpoint that you've had to deal with in your life. And that's why I like it.
88 Trista	Okay. Alright.
<b>Int.3</b> 89 Trista	Okay Um so are you married are single?
90 SD	Single
91 Trista	Okay um do you have any kids?
92 SD	[No kids]
93 Trista	[No kids] So did you live with your mom do you live with mom now? [How long]
94 SD	[No I] lived with my mom, and I lived with her for about six years.
95 Trista	Okay.
96 SD	Um, I mean I lived for growing up and all of that. But then I moved out for two years and moved back with my mom for more years and now I'm on my own again.
97 Trista	Okay um how often do you talk to your mom? Do you [talk to her]
98 SD	[Everyday]
99 Trista	[So you] ((laughing))
100 SD	[All day] ((laughing)) All day and even when I come home we either call each other to say okay goodnight or whatever. But talk to her everyday.
101 Trista	Okay how many brothers and sisters do you have?
102 SD	None that I know of.
103 Trista	Okay. Um do you have like lot of friends, do you have friends that you ( ) that you actually see as maybe you know brothers or sisters?
104	Yea I do.

SD	
105 Trista	Okay.
106 SD	I do. I mean a lot of actually a lot of my cousins. Even though we're cousins a lot of them I see them as my big brothers because I never had growing up. So more like my my brothers then they are cousins.
107 Trista	Mm Hmm.
108 SD	As far as friends I mean I have a few. But other than that my family is like my my family and my friends. Those are my friends.
109 Trista	Mm Hmm.
110 Trista	How often do you talk to your um your cousins or your friends?
111 SD	My cousins I talk to everyday. Um my friends I talk to I try to talk to them everyday but other than that you know that's it. But we kind of keep in touch to make sure that you know my couple of friends that I do have I make sure that they're okay. They make sure that I'm okay so we keep that relationship going.
112 Trista	( ) Do you guys talk on the phone or through email?
113 SD	Phone.
114 Trista	Okay um where did you meet where did you meet your friends at? Like?
115 SD	Um.
116 Trista	Growing up in in middle school, grade school.
117 SD	Growing up and then just maybe about I met a couple of my friends maybe about six years ago. Just like went to a party and then I was you know once I hook up with them we've always kept in touch with each other, and always just make sure you know [that each other is okay].
118 Trista	[Mm Hmm] Mm Hmm. So lets so give me some information then about you ah the neighborhood that you live in now. Like [do do you know]
119 SD	[Well the neighborhood]
120 Trista	Do you know very much about the neighborhood?
121 SD	I don't know much at all about this side of the town that I'm living on. The north side, I just moved here Ju in July.
122 Trista	Mm Hmm.

SD 123	So I've only been here I would say that the neighborhood is good. There's not a lot of problems going on, but I really can't talk about the area in itself because I've only lived over here for three months.
124 Trista	Mm Hmm. Mm Hmm. So then um since, since you really don't have a really a firm grip on you know sort of how things work around here in terms of your neighbors and stuff, um do ever get a chance to even like see in the summertime where people like hanging out on their porches. Are they?
125 SD	Yes my neighbors on each side ((clear throat)) of us. You know we whenever one of us is walking up the steps or somebody my neighbor up stairs we always do say "hey how are you?, hows you day going?" My neighbors on the other side of me they always, you know at least always talk to each other. When we first moved over here, it was kind of into the summer so a lot of people weren't really on there porch they didn't really know us because the summer was about to end.
126 Trista	Mm. Hmm.
127 SD	So they really didn't know who we were.
128 Trista	Mm Hmm.
129 SD	But anytime we see each other we do speak, friendly neighbors haven't had no problems. Um nice kids around the neighborhood, so in that aspect I'm glad I moved to this street. [I mean] I do like the area.
130 Trista	[Okay] Um so for instance if you go away, would would you sort of ask you neighbors to look out for the house or you know to make sure that [things th..]
131 SD	[I mean I would] But normally when I'm gone if I'm gone usually um Yanna is here my whose like my sister. Normally she's here. So we're never gone at the same time. So there is always somebody here we have had to do that yet but if we would I would have no problem asking them because we have that kind of relationship with our neighbors.
132 Trista	Okay, do you have any cats?
133 SD	No, I'm allergic.
134 Trista	=You allergic? Um, so um where else do you have friends from besides in this neighborhood? Do you have some that's in other states or?
135 135 SD	Yea I have some in um Detroit, I have some in ahh North Carolina, Charlotte and some here. ( ) and you know in Pittsburgh. [So]
136 Trista	[Mm Hmm.] Like what what other like neighborhoods would you say like just besides the hill district? Do you have any friends from like other parts of [Pittsburgh]
137	[Wilkinsburg]

SD	
138 Trista	Wilkinsburg
139 SD	Wilkinsburg and um a couple friends in like east liberty area.
140 Trista	[Mm Hmm.]
141 SD	[East Liberty] east end.
142 Trista	Mm Hmm. Okay um ((1 second pause)) so ((clears throat)) really ahh how often do meet with the people that are outside of Pittsburgh? Like your friends that outside of Pittsburgh, the people like in North, your friends in North [Carolina or?]
143 SD	[Probably] like once once a year if you know with me being in school though its really hard because that's been my main focus right now.
144 Trista	Mm Hmm.
145 SD	And trying to do that, but before I started going to school, I was down visiting them ((breath hard)) two two to three times a year.
146 Trista	Mm Hmm.
147 SD	You know I would go like for a week to two weeks, and just stay there you know or go up to Detroit for like a week so I would do that but since I've been in school, I haven't been able to really go anywhere.
148 Trista	Okay. Um how much time would you say you spend each day talking to the people you work with?
149 SD	((1 second pause)) Seven hours a day. ((laughing))
150 Trista	((laughing)) Just as long as you there?
151 SD	As long as I'm there ((laughing)). I talk to them every every hour on the hour.
152 Trista	Uh Hmm. Do do you each lunch with the them or [do] you see them outside of work.
153 SD	[Normally] Normally I don't each eat lunch with them, because I eat so late.
154 Trista	Mm Hmm.
155 SD	Because I always eat late so everybody been done ate by the time it's time for me.
156 Trista	Mm Hmm.
157 SD	Outside of work I've done things with people outside of the work place, and have no problem with that.
158 Trista	Mm Hmm.



159 Trista	Um where you generally spend your free time?
160 SD	Uhh.
161 Trista	If you have any free time.
162 SD	Home, doing homework.
163 Trista	[Okay]
164 SD	[Or] I mean like truthfully or once in a while I'll go out.
165 Trista	Okay.
166 SD	You know, dancing or something.
167 Trista	Mm Hmm. Um where would you like hang out at?
168 SD	Go to little like danc... like the clubs. Like the little um clubs that play like you know that have hip hop night.
169 Trista	Mm Hmm.
170 SD	Or um maybe go see a movie.
171 Trista	Mm Hmm.
172 SD	With my cousin, or do like a dinner maybe at like Applebees or something like that. But mainly if I do anything and go out it either be movies or go out to like a Hip Hop club.
173 Trista	Okay. Um so ah you you go to the movies like every every weekend.
174 SD	Been starting to go every weekend.
175 Trista	Okay. You go to the Lowes cinema?
176 SD	Mm Hmm [yes.]
177 Trista	[And]
178	And ah waterfront.
179 Trista	=With the waterfront.
180 SD	Yes.
181	Okay, do you go on vacation?

Trista	
182 SD	Haven't been on a vacation in probably two years. Two to three [years]
183 Trista	[Mm] [So when you] actually went on vacation where did you go?
184 SD	[Every since school]
185 SD	Outer banks with my family.
186 Trista	North Carolina?
187 SD	Mm Hmm.
188 Trista	How was that?
189 SD	Lovely, beautiful big houses. Because we're all together and we do like you know everybody cooks a meal. Everybody does a meal with each other everyday. Like you know one group of family might do a meal this day you know like my grandma and us might do a meal one day so everybody like cooks a meal. So it's like twenty-five of us that usually go.
190 Trista	[Mm Okay]
191 SD	[And stay in a house]
192 Trista	That sounds like its like carefree time, everybody [gets together just relaxes]
193 SD	[just relax go to beach]
194 Trista	Mm Hmm.
195 SD	Go just chillin out. I mean you can just chill in the house and have fun so.
196 Trista	Mm Hmm. Do you guys when you guys go on vacation you guys do like the normal things going like to the movies? Things that you would do here [or you just] to do things that are different?
197 SD	[No] do the things that are different like go to the beach, do like the um, they have like a bike trail. Ride your bike on the bike trail.
198 Trista	Mm Hmm.
199 SD	Do stuff that we don't definitely don't have here.
200 Trista	Mm Hmm.
201 SD	Go to water parks and stuff like that.

202 Trista	Okay.
<b>Int. 5</b> 203 Trista	((clears throat)) Alright ah who are some of the role models um or people you admire ah most likely want or most like to be like? Uh?
204 SD	My mom.
205 Trista	Okay.
206 SD	I mean I just give her much credit in the world for raising me.
207 Trista	Mm Hmm.
208 SD	Basically on her own. Every [since]
209 Trista	[Mm Hmm]
210 SD	I was five she she took care of me and made sure I had every and anything I possibly needed.
211 Trista	Mm Hmm.
212 SD	Even though she wouldn't have.
213 Trista	[Okay.]
214 SD	[She] would try to make me and I always want to be like that type of person. She's always giving me like I don't even know what word you use but she's helped me to see things in a different light. I don't take anything for granted.
215 Trista	Mm Hmm.
216 SD	It's like I gotta for what I gotta go for.
217 Trista	Mm Hmm.
218 SD	( ) my Mom is like my be..., I don't even look at no body else but my mom as my role model.
219 Trista	Okay. Um so who would you say are the most important people in your life?
220 SD	Ah?
221 Trista	Or who have been the most people important people in your life?
222 SD	My mom and like um like all my mom side of the family.
223 Trista	Mm Hmm.

224 SD	You know really just we all like everybody sticks together. I mean its not like we have to see each other everyday.
225 Trista	Mm Hmm.
226 SD	But we all know that at the drop of a hat we'll all be there for each other.
227 Trista	Mm Hmm.

228 SD	So I really look up to all of them. Especially like my [grandma, my granddad]
229 Trista	[Mm Hmm]
230 SD	And my my mom. [My aunt] and everything.
231 Trista	[Okay] and so who's taught you the most in your life?
232 SD	My mom and my aunt Leslie.
233 Trista	Mm.
234 SD	Because at one point my Aunt Leslie use to live with us too.
235 Trista	[Okay.]
236 SD	[And she] lived with us for probably about five years.
237 Trista	Mm Hmm.
238 SD	And its kind of like we all had like a little connec..., she was like my second mom.
239 Trista	Mm Hmm.
240 SD	You know cause she had a daughter, and we kind of we all together all in the same kind of situation. Coming from divorce parents you know, you know dads not being there for us.
241 Trista	[Right]
242 SD	[And] both of them just looking to see how both of them have even like come up. I mean my mom likes a business manager so doing so well. My aunt works for like the department of justice. And I mean she just never looking back.
243 Trista	Mm Hmm.
244 SD	And never let nothing deter her from what she got to do.

245 Trista	Okay. Um so what's unique about you in your opinion then Stephanie? What do you say is your most um?
246 SD	I guess that I'm like, I think my caring attitude. I kinda of put I don't like put myself first I always put other people before me. And sometimes I mean that can be to my disadvantage or to my advantage.
247 Trista	Mm Hmm.
249 SD	You know cause sometimes people can like walk over you.
250 Trista	Mm Hmm.
251 SD	When they know what type of person you are, because I've always done that.
252 Trista	[Mm Hmm.]
253 SD	[I put] I mean I will give anybody that shirt off my back.
254 Trista	Mm Hmm.
255 SD	And I think that's like the unique thing about me. Is just my caring for people.
256 Trista	Okay. Um so have you ever been in situation where you thought that you you were going to die and that's either because it was so dangerous or because it was embarrassing?
257 SD	Um, I don't think so.
258 Trista	No.
259 SD	Never.
260 Trista	Mm Hmm.
261 SD	Never not never nothing never got me to that point. [No.]
262 Trista	Mm Hmm. [Even if] it was like embarrassing experience something that you ((stutter words)) had to say I want to get out of it. ((laughing)) I need to get away from this situation. No?
263 SD	Nothing.
264 SD	Nothing.
265 Trista	Okay. Um, did you ever get in a fight? Have you ever gotten in any fights like even in high school?
266 SD	((Laughing)) none.

267 Trista	None?
268 SD	Cause I never I really had um in school I never really had female friends.
269 Trista	Okay.
270 SD	You know I think that might have kept me away from a lot of stuff I just had a lot of male friends and just hung out with most of the time.
271 Trista	[Mm Hmm.]
272 SD	[So] you know I wasn't fighting with no guys. So, and they knew that so I think that might have been the reason why. But I haven't never fought a day in my life.
273 Trista	Really?
274 SD	Never.
275 Trista	Okay. Um do you have any particular skills or talent with language?
276 SD	No.
277 Trista	=No.
278 SD	((laughing)) you you didn't okay.
279 SD	I took the only thing I took up is when I was in high school I just took up a year of Spanish just because I had to.
280 Trista	Mm Hmm.
281 SD	Other than that I have no special skill or nothing.
282 Trista	Okay. Um, do you give, have you do you see yourself even in this position um of working in the English department having to talk to people everyday um. Do you feel like that interaction with people every single day, you are conscious or aware of sort of what's going on in terms of how you have to communicate with people?
283 SD	Yes.
284 Trista	And um so communicating with students is very important, [because certain things need to be done right?]
285 SD	[Oh yea] because if you're your don't communicate well with them you know you can really mess up somebody's whole life truthfully if you really want to be technical. Cause sometimes people hear what they want to hear.
286 Trista	Mm Hmm.

287 SD	So you have to make sure that you get that communication together.
288 Trista	Mm Hmm.
289 SD	And I think that that might something that it was very hard for me to do before. Like it would use to be hard for me to communicate to people.
290 Trista	Mm Hmm.
291 SD	And to really like express what I was trying to say.
292 Trista	Mm Hmm.
293 SD	But like from being in that position it has really um increased my communication skills.
294 Trista	Mm.
295 SD	To ano..to I mean cause there was times that I be looking and I be like, I wouldn't even know what to say.
296 Trista	Mm Hmm. [Mm Hmm]
297 SD	[Because for] me to interact with people.
298 Trista	Okay.
299 SD	You know like in a business setting.
300 Trista	[Mm Hmm.]
301 SD	[I could] go out and talk to anybody off the street.
302 Trista	Mm Hmm.
303 SD	But in a business setting, it was very hard for me to communicate. And I think working in that position had really increased my communication skills.
304 Trista	Okay, um would you say that um that you're a writer, do you or are you a poet? I mean do you do you just engage really in verbal communication?
305 SD	Verbal.
306 Trista	Okay.
307 SD	My writing I mean I I can write I think you know the classes that I'm taking now is helping me.
308 Trista	Mm Hmm.
309 SD	Because my writing skills, I'll tell you truth were mud.

310 Trista	Mm Hmm.
311 SD	I didn't have good writing skills, and I'll even say that Dave David Kaufer the head of the department had read some of my things now and has said he really sees a difference.
312 Trista	Mm Hmm.
313 SD	In my schooling and how my writing has increased.
314 Trista	Okay.
315 SD	But I still feel you know my verbal communication is still like up there.
316 Trista	Okay. Um, would you say you tend to be a leader? Like in groups you're in or would you rather be an observer or more on the edge of things?
317 SD	Leader.
318 Trista	Okay.
319 SD	I kind of want to get my point across, and kind lead it lead. I mean I kind of want to be both. Like in some instances it's kind of like I guess I would like to see how a group is and see whe.. where I want to be.
320 Trista	[Mm Hmm.]
321 SD	[Do I want] to lead this group or do I really want to just observe it. Depending on what it is but most of the time I would say I would want to be a leader.
322 Trista	Okay um if you have to chose choose a what's most important um in terms of your identity? Um how would you label yourself? Um would you label yourself an American, um a Pittsburger, I mean just give me so.. a Pennsylvanian? What how exactly if like you know if you actually had to say ((1 second pause)) which would you really in talk in terms of talking about your identity—What terms you would use to describe [who you]
323 SD	[So not saying] like an African American or nothing like that?
333 Trista	Mm Hmm. I mean that definitely [be a part of it.]
334 SD	I mean that's what I mean that that's truthfully I mean I never would say I'm a Pittsburger, a Penns.. I mean not that I'm like embarrassed of where I live.
335 Trista	[Mm Hmm.]
336 SD	[But it] to me it's just not the most important thing. Mm Hmm but just what I am which is ((1 second pause)) an African American.



337 Trista	Mm Hmm. So like if you going like outside of Pittsburgh and people ask you where you're from...
338 SD	Well when they say where I from I normally
339 Trista	Do you say I'm a Pittsburgher? ((laughing))
340 SD	I say I'm from Pittsburgh.
341 Trista	Uh Hmm.
342 SD	And that's it and they'll be, and a lot of people don't even know that it's in Pennsylvania truthfully. They don't even know where Pittsburgh is.
343 Trista	Mm.
344 SD	Some people even say there's a, cause I think there's another Pittsburgh. Is that in Ohio? But it's only spelled like it's spelled like P-I-T-T-S-B-U-R-G.
345 Trista	Mm.
346 SD	But it's it's somewhere else and when I say it they be like what?
347 Trista	Mm Hmm.
348 SD	I be like, and then when I say Steelers. I then when I say Pittsburgh Steelers then they'll be like oh that's in Pennsylvania.
349 Trista	Mm. [Okay]
350 SD	[So] sometimes when you have that or I'll just say if I really don't want nobody where I from I'll just say Pennsylvania.
351 Trista	Mm Hmm.
352 SD	Cause I lead to numerous places.
353 Trista	Mm Hmm. Yea that's true. Um so like ((clear throat)) if so you really would really say um you you use often use the term African American to sort of really in talking about your identity. And um [okay.]
354 SD	[I mean] or I'll just me like you know um ((1 second pause)) you know there's sometimes I've said to my some people you know, I'm a black person from Pennsylvania or something like. You know I just, but I always make sure that I just, that's just something I don't know if people might think I'm trying to be smart. But you know sometimes when people ask me I'm just going to tell you what I feel I am.
355 Trista	Mm Hmm. Okay.
<b>Int.7</b> 356 Trista	Okay um. So have you ever heard of Pittsburghese?

357 SD	((1 second pause)) Um except yea when Barbara Johnstone mentioned it.
358 Trista	Okay well what do you think it is?
359 SD	I thought it was like a language thing.
360 Trista	Mm Hmm.
361 SD	Like your speech?
362 Trista	Mm Hmm. Um ((1 sec pause)) what are some of the sounds of words or expre.. expression that actually hear um that you, that people sort of identify as being Pittsburghese?
363 SD	I can't remember what they were like um, I know people say something about the...I don't know if because we say still like stillers=
364 Trista	=Mm Hmm.
365 SD	Um dahntahn like the way we like dahntahn.
366 Trista	Mm Hmm.
367 SD	And there was another, and I can't remember what ((coughing)) it is. I know that there's something that we usually say that people say it's only in Pittsburgh ( ). I can't remember what that is. Rippen I know when we say rippen. But I don't know if that's Pittsburghese but I know that people out of outside be like what—[am I ripen]
368 Trista	[What is that ripen?]
369 SD	Like are you why you talking about me. Is you ripen is you talking about me?
370 Trista	[Oh]
371 SD	[Like] you know how you rip somebody down.
372 Trista	Mm Hmm.
373 SD	Like if you talking about their clothes or something.
374 Trista	[Mm Hmm]
375 SD	[They be] like I'm mean why you rippen on me?
376 Trista	Mm Hmm.
377 SD	But that's only like a Pitt...only people in Pittsburgh say that.

378 Trista	What about ah ah nebbby? Have....=
379 SD	=Yea cause for most people say nosy. But we be like nebbby.
380 Trista	Mm Hmm.
381 SD	You nebbby. But a lot of people don't know what that mean neither.
382 Trista	Okay. Um ((pause 1 sec)) so would you say you use Pittsburgese then?
383 SD	Yes.
384 Trista	Yea.
385 SD	Mm Hmm.
386 Trista	Um. I guess [you just gave that example of nebbby.]
387 SD	[Certain things yea] Yea cause I'll be like you nebbby or like slib..easliberty. Like you just word slur your words together ((laughing))
388 Trista	So you you you say ea...you don't say east liberty. You say easliberty.
389 SD	I just be like easliberty.
390 Trista	Okay. Um ((pause 1 sec)) do you do you pronounce east liberty like that all the time?
391 SD	Mm Hmm. I never say east liberty. [Like I just be sliberty]
392 Trista	[Okay] Okay
393 SD	And sometime I'll just be like sliberty. ((laughing)) Like I'll just, like it like a lazy thing or something I don't know ((laughing)).
394 Trista	Uh so have you ever term heard of the term yinzer?
395 SD	No. ((laughing)) Like I've heard people say yinz.
396 Trista	Mm Hmm.
397 SD	Like yinz guys [and stuff]
398 Trista	[Mm Hmm]
399 SD	But not yinzer.
400 Trista	Okay ah ((pause 1 sec)) so you since you've never heard of it I guess ah you so you've actually heard the term yinz but never the term yinzer?

401 SD	Right.
402 Trista	Okay, so you you wouldn't know what a yinzer is?
403 SD	No.
404 Trista	Okay. Um, ah ((2 second pause)) so for each of these terms I'm going to give you some terms and ah I want you to say whether you ah familiar with these terms or not.
405 SD	Okay.
406 Trista	Um or do you use them yourself. Um yinz, do you ever use yinz?
407 SD	No.
408 Trista	No. Um what about these leftovers need eaten? You ever do you ever say that? Do you ever ((stuttering of words)) you ever find yourself saying that?
409 SD	I say these leftovers. I might even say that need eaten. I might say that. Cause I be like these leftovers man we got, or maybe I just say something about these leftovers. I don't know if I say need eaten?
410 Trista	What about like washin. Like [the car need washin]
411 SD	[yea]
412 Trista	[The grass need=]
413 SD	[=I say washin] yea.
414 Trista	The grass need [cuttin]
415 SD	[cuttin] yea.
416 Trista	Yea. Uh, I have you ever heard of like redd up?
417 SD	No=
418 Trista	=No no. Not at all?
419 SD	( )
420 Trista	What about n'at? Like um I like swimming n'at?
421 SD	Swimming n'at?
422 Trista	Yea.

423 SD	Like this and that or something?
424 Trista	Yea.
425 SD	Yea.
426 Trista	Yea.
427 SD	I say that.
428 Trista	Um, have you ever, do you use or have you ever heard of grinny?
429 SD	Grinny?
430 Trista	Yea.
431 SD	No.=
432 Trista	=No.
433 SD	What's that like granny?
434 Trista	( ) No its supposed to be I guess a [Pittsburghese term for like]
435 SD	[Oh no, never] never said that.
436 Trista	Small animal. [oh no]
437 SD	[oh] no
438 Trista	Uh, so how how do you how do you pronounce a Pittsburgh? Pitt..Pittsburgh?
440 SD	Pittsburgh.
441 Trista	Okay. Um, ((pause 1 sec)) alright uh I guess that's it.
<b>Pairs</b> 442 Trista	Okay, um so we're going to uh uh. I'm going to have to have you sort pronounce these these a words here. Um and its actually uh an exercise um titled same or different.
443 SD	Okay.
444 Trista	Uh so ((2 second pause)) for number one um if you could pronounce those first set of words. Um for number one.
445 SD	Okay bet, bait, bat.

446 Trista	Okay um ((2 second pause)) do they sound the same to you. An.. [any one three of those words]
447 SD	[different]
448 Trista	[Okay]
449 SD	[No] they all sound different to me=
450 Trista	=all sound different?
451 SD	Mm Hmm.
452 Trista	Um, okay number two.
453 SD	Fell, fail. Sound the same.
454 Trista	Okay they sound the same. Number three.
455 SD	Horse, hoarse, sound the same to me.
456 Trista	Okay. Uh number four.
457 SD	Look, Luke. Different.
458 Trista	Different.
459 SD	Mm Hmm.
460 Trista	Alright. Um number five.
461 SD	Least, list. Different
462 Trista	Different. Okay number six.
463 SD	Caught, cot, cat. So two them sound the same to me and then the other one's different.
464 Trista	So which one sounds the same?
465 SD	Cot and caught.
466 Trista	Okay. And that they sound different from=
467 SD	=cat.
468	=cat.

Trista	
469 SD	Mm Hmm.
470 Trista	Alright. Um, number seven.
471 SD	Less, lace. [Different to me.]
472 Trista	[Okay.] Different?
473 SD	Mm Hmm.
474 Trista	Alright um, number eight.
475 SD	Marry, Mary, merry. Um marry, Mary, those first two sound the same to me. And they but they sound different then the last word.
476 Trista	Okay.
477 SD	Merry.
478 Trista	So merry.
479 SD	Like I would say merry.
480 Trista	Oh, oh merry, like merry Christmas.
481 SD	Yea.
482 Trista	Okay.
483 SD	Like for the second one, I pron...I would say that's like Mary to me instead of merry.
484 Trista	So the actual name, Mary.
485 SD	Yea.
486 Trista	[Is different] from...
487 SD	[I would say] it would be its different then the merry over here. The way I'm saying it though.
488 Trista	The merry with the E.
489 SD	Right
490 Trista	Not the marry with the A.
491	Right.

SD	
492 Trista	So the marry with the A sounds [the same as Ma..name as the name Mary?]
493 SD	[the same] right.
494 Trista	Okay. Um number nine.
495 SD	More and moor. Sound the same=
496 Trista	=They sound the same?
497 SD	Mm Hmm.
498 Trista	Okay ten.
499 SD	Pen, pin. Sounds the same.
500 Trista	Sounds the same?
501 SD	Mm Hmm.
502 Trista	Um eleven.
503 SD	Pawned, pond, pound, pinned. The first two sound the same. But all the rest of it sounds, the other two sound different.
504 Trista	So pawned and pond sounds different from pound and pinned?
505 SD	Yes.
506 Trista	Okay. But pawned and pound=
507 SD	=Sound the same to me pawned and pond.
508 Trista	Okay. Um, what about twelve?
509 SD	Pull, pool. Same.
510 Trista	Alright. Ah, thirteen.
511 SD	Regal, wiggle, wriggle. Different.
512 Trista	Okay ( ) um fourteen.
513 SD	Sleep, slip. Different.
514	Okay. Fifteen.



Trista	
515 SD	Cow, caw. Sound the same.
516 Trista	Okay. Sixteen.
517 SD	Spouse, spice. Different.
518 Trista	Different?
519 SD	Mm Hmm.
520 Trista	Seventeen.
521 SD	Steel, still. Same.
522 Trista	Same? Um, (clear throat) eighteen.
523 SD	Towel, tile, tall. [So]
524 Trista	[Which which ones] sounds the same?
525 SD	Towel and tile, the ne..first two.
526 Trista	Okay, so towel as in the actual [bath product?]
527 SD	[Wash] Mm Hmm.
528 Trista	[And] tile as in the actual=
529 SD	[And] little things. But they sound the same to me.
530 Trista	Okay. But they sound different from=
531 SD	=Tall.
532 Trista	=Tall. Okay nineteen.
533 SD	Tower, tire, tar. All sound different.
534 Trista	Okay, ah from each other?
535 SD	Like nothing sounds the same to me.
Trista 536	Okay.

Reading 1b 537 Trista	Okay, ah so this time I'll actually ah read the part of Denise and then you read Ron. [Okay?]
538 SD	[Okay] Mm Hmm.
539 Trista	Um what's that foul order coming out of the filing cabinet. Is Ron or something hiding a bag of fish in there. Ron did you go fishing over the weekend?
540 SD	That's my lunch. Don and I stop down in the strip on the way in and bought some of that great goat cheese their selling at Penmac. It's really ripe. I thought of puttin it in the fridge but I didn't. It's good if it's not too cold. Go on you try it.
541 Trista	Get it out of here I can't stand the smell. Next thing you know people will be calling the police wanting to know where the body is. Cheese like that should be illegal.
Int. 4 542 Trista	Alright so just how closely would say that you you follow the local news?
543 SD	((Sigh)) A little close, I mean sometimes I um I fall asleep half the time by the time the news comes on. So I haven't really watch the news=
544 Trista	=Mm Hmm.=
545 SD	=That much.
546 Trista	Okay, do you read like the Post Gazette or?
547 SD	Yes I read it either online. But now at CMU they been giving them to us for free. So I've been grabbing a paper and reading it.
548 Trista	Okay. Um where else do you get your local news from? Like from radio?
549 SD	Radio. [If I'm like riding into] if I'm riding into work or riding on I just listen to WAMO. Turn it on and see if they got anything interesting to talk about.
550 Trista	[Listen to WAMO]
551 Trista	Mm Hmm. Yea is that like the Angie and GQ sh show [they they..]
552 SD	[Yea] Yea. In the morning
553 Trista	[Yea.]
554 SD	[The Morning show? Yea.]
555 Trista	Yea.
556	Or sometimes, I'll flip to if I wanna if I tired of them I'll flip to the AM 860

SD	side.
557 Trista	Mm Hmm.
558 SD	With Sly Jock.
559 Trista	[Okay]
560 SD	[In the morning.]
561 Trista	So that's more of the adult contemporary [music]?
562 SD	[yea yea.]
563 Trista	And less less [Hip Hop?]
564 SD	[Cause he] yea less Hip Hop, he's just straight like basically R&B. [And oldies..]
565 Trista	[R and...classic R&B?]
566 SD	Mm Hmm.
567 Trista	Yea. Um what national international news? Do you keep up very much with...
568 SD	No.
569 Trista	Um No. Okay um so I we just basically mentioned this a little bit I guess. A radio stations, do you listen to mainly WAMO and..?
570 SD	WAMO or sometimes if tired of WAMO, I may turn on 96.1.
571 Trista	Mm Hmm.
572 SD	Other than that, that's it. [I'll just put a CD]
573 Trista	[What is 96.1]
574 SD	I don't even know, I know they play a lot of Hip Hop [now].
575 Trista	[Okay.]
576 SD	They just started. [So]
577 Trista	[Okay]
578 SD	I don't even know what radio station that is but. Other than that, if it's nothing on there that I want to hear then I pop a CD in.

579 Trista	Okay. Um, so ah do you go out to eat a lot? Or?
580 SD	Try not to.
581 Trista	Okay.
582 SD	I try to cook what I can here if like a hot dog I cook it.
583 Trista	Mm Hmm.
584 SD	You know but sometimes I'll go to like the further mm Wendy's or Mc Donald's.
585 Trista	Okay, and ah um when you do go out do you go out to ah the local restaurants I mean or..?
586 SD	Yea like um Red Lobster. There's like a Red Lobster down the street from my house. Apple Bees, Bravo, um Ti TGI Fridays.
587 Trista	Mm Hmm.
588 SD	So sometimes I'll go to some of those places.
589 Trista	Mm Hmm.
590 SD	Normally I I don't sit down and eat because I'm so busy all the time. So I'll like order the food.
591 Trista	Mm Hmm.
592 SD	And bring it home and eat it.
593 Trista	Mm Hmm. So um do you have any one particular thing that you you like to order when you go to these places like....
594 SD	Shrimp.
595 Trista	Okay.
596 SD	Like if I go to Red Lobster ((laughter)) I'm always eating shrimp.
597 Trista	Okay.
598 SD	If I go to um TG Fridays I always get the Jack Daniels combo.
599 Trista	Okay. ((Laughter)) Um so do you like do you go out for ice cream at that [ice things shops]
600 SD	[sometimes] like at Dairy Queen if I do. Like to get a blizzard.
601 Trista	Mm Hmm. There's a Dairy Queen around here I didn't know that.

602 SD	Yea there's like one right by um North Hills. We go down there sometimes.
603 Trista	Mm Hmm. Um so do you drink beer. [Do you]
604 SD	[No]
605 Trista	No um, where do you shopping for your groceries?
606 SD	At either Giant Eagle, Coons or Shop and Save.
607 Trista	Okay um clothes, shop sporting goods things like that. Where do you shopping for that?
608 SD	For clothes I normally go to Torrid. That's in um Robinson Township.
609 Trista	[Mm Hmm.]
610 SD	[Or] maybe Kaufmann's. [Ah for] my sporting goods I usually go to like the Finish Line or Foot Locker.
611 Trista	[Mm Hmm.] Okay um where do you get your hair done?
612 SD	At ah it's a salon called um Baby Girlz hair connection.
613 Trista	Okay. And ah your stylist?
614 SD	Her name is Shaunte.
615 Trista	Mm Hmm.
616 SD	Good stylist.
617 Trista	So how I mean wh..how when you go get your hair done wh..what that's really exp experience. Because I know a lot of times um for me anyway, this is my experience and I guess can only speak from my experience but like that's really a bonding experience. Going in and really [um]
618 SD	[It is.]
619 Trista	To the the hair sh..salon and really talking about the week and [you know just hanging out] and joking joking around [with the people]
620 SD	[Oh yea] [Cause we] can we can do that with each other because I go in so early in the morning I go in at nine in the morning to get my hair done. So we're always talking about cause I go every two weeks.
621 Trista	Mm Hmm.

622 SD	We're always talking about something that done happen within those two weeks. But we have like that connection. Now when I first went, she always nice but she really didn't know me but know that I've been going for like probably might might say now about four months. We just you know got that connection now. She comes and does my hair, she's Johnny on the spot.
623 Trista	Mm Hmm.
624 SD	She make sure that um she takes care of you. She's respectful so she she's cool with me. [I like her.]
625 Trista	[Okay] Alright um so how often do you take the bus?
626 SD	Everyday. Except for Tuesdays. Sometimes because normally Tuesdays when I get my hair done so I normally drive to go get my hair done.
627 Trista	Okay. And uh do you like watching sports?
628 SD	Love it. Pittsburgh Steelers.
629 Trista	((Laughter)) Um so the Steelers are you're your favorite team?
630 SD	Favorite team, and then my other favorite team is the Indianapolis Colts.
631 Trista	Okay. So how often do you watch the games?
632 SD	Every Sunday.
633 Trista	Every Sunday?
634 SD	Mm Hmm.
635 Trista	Okay.
636 SD	And whatever game. I mean truthfully after the Steelers are done playing I'm watching. I watch sports all like Sunday when they have 8:30 like a 4:15 game. I watch that game. They got the 8:30 game, I watch that game. And I watch Monday night. [So=]
637 Trista	[=So] you like football [in general]
638 SD	[I love football] But those are my two favorite teams
639 Trista	Okay, how long have you been a Steelers fan?
640 SD	((pause I sec)) Had to be about probably only maybe about six or seven years.
641 Trista	Mm Hmm.

642 SD	That's it. Just got into getting like the like really getting into it cause now I got a jersey. I got the terrible towel. I'm about to get my hat so....
643 Trista	((Laughter)) Alright.
644 SD	Yup.
645 Trista	So even when you know if they have like a bad season. You still [there rootin]
646 SD	[Oh I still stick with them] cause they had a bad season last year.
647 Trista	Mm Hmm.
648 SD	((Laughter)) So I mean ( ) they was eight and six. And still was Steeler fan so now were four and one. And it's looking good.
649 Trista	Okay. Alright.
<b>Int. 6</b> 650 Trista	Um so a you live now in what neighborhood is this?
651 SD	Northside.
652 Trista	The Northside. Okay um do you like this neighborhood or? I mean how do you like it better than the Hill or?
653 SD	I don't like it better than the Hill because that's where I've grown up.
654 Trista	Mm Hmm.
655 SD	But it's hard finding housing on the Hill District. [Truthfully]
656 Trista	[Mm Hmm.]
657 SD	You know because nobody wants to leave.
658 Trista	Mm Hmm.
659 SD	You know or, um so that's the reason why I came to the Northside. But I definitely like the Hill District better than the North side.
660 Trista	What do you especially like ah about the Hill District?
661 SD	I don't know I guess it's just because I've been like it seems like we all kind of like ( ) it's like a family oriented. I mean it's like everybody kind of got everybody's back. Or like somebody knows somebody and they know your related to somebody and=
662 Trista	Mm Hmm.
663	I mean it's like ((pause 1 sec)) I guess so much history has come from the

SD	Hill.
664 Trista	Mm Hmm.
665 SD	So I just like you know=
666 SD	=Mm Hmm.
667 SD	Like interacting with, and a lot of my family still lives on The Hill.
668 Trista	Okay. Um so what's changed about the the Hill District or the community uh the Hill District community um in your memory?
669 SD	Um well growing up uh you see now their like tearing a lot of things down which kind or irritate me.
670 Trista	Mm Hmm.
671 SD	You know see a lot of homes and stuff are being torn down. So that they can uh build better homes. And truthfully move the black people out the Hill.
672 Trista	Mm.
673 SD	I mean truthfully. Especially closer to the Mellon arena.
674 Trista	Mm Hmm.
675 SD	That whole area is just completely changing. I mean there's nothing wrong with trying to change things for the better but to remember where the Hill District and what it was for.
676 Trista	Mm Hmm.
677 SD	It was for Africa the African American community.
678 Trista	Mm Hmm. [Mm Hmm]
679 SD	[You know] and there's a lot of things that I see that is happening on Center Avenue. They're actually trying to change that up. They're getting a lot of you know the drug activity and all that off of that area. And so they're building that up to better. I mean there's a couple new places new businesses that are down there which I really like to see black owned.
680 Trista	Mm Hmm. [Mm Hmm]
681 SD	Um and so that's really has increased to me.
682 Trista	[Mm Hmm.]
683 SD	[You know] because growing up there was, you did not see that. And I didn't never see as much black owned businesses I have on Center Avenue. And since I've been little.



684 Trista	So how would you change it now if you could?
685 SD	((clears throat)) I really try to ((pause 1 sec)) just try to get more I guess a more businesses. Um I mean there's only like a few, but just really try to I mean build up the community. Build up get the homes redone. I mean like not tearing them down. But just get them redone.
686 Trista	Mm Hmm.
687 SD	I mean there's a lot of homes that are just falling apart.
688 Trista	Mm Hmm.
689 SD	But people still live in them.
690 Trista	Mm.
691 SD	And you know they can't afford to get nothing done because there's nothing out there. No money for them to do it. And that's really what I would like to do. Do a lot renovation and just build up people's home.
692 Trista	Mm Hmm.
693 SD	Not kick them out.
694 Trista	Mm Hmm.
695 SD	Build them up so they can feel like there living somewhere. You know what I'm saying. I mean there's people that their homes look like they should be ran down. But they don't have that money.
696 Trista	Mm Hmm.
697 SD	Because the money not out there.
698 Trista	Okay.
699 SD	You know the city try to take there home [from them.]
700 Trista	[Mm Hmm.] Um so do you think you'll stay here and raise kids, retire?
701 SD	No.
702 Trista	Or be here like for the rest of your life. [Like] I'm talking about like in Pittsburgh or the Hill District. Where exactly?
703 SD	[No.] I don't know where I would go but I would not. I I don't I believe that I will not be staying here for the rest of my life. [I believe that.]
704	[And you talk about in Pittsburgh?]

Trista	
705 SD	I (say) in Pittsburgh.
706 Trista	Okay.
707 SD	I believe that. I just believe the only reason I believe that is because of the job opportunity that here is here for African Americans—it's really not.
708 Trista	Okay.
709 SD	You know, and once I get my accounting degree. I want to use it to the fullest, and use it to and I know what I should get paid. And I want to go where I'm a get paid.
710 Trista	Okay.
711 SD	I mean now if I get a job here. I have no problem staying here.
712 Trista	Mm Hmm.
713 SD	You know but if I don't get that opportunity I will move.
714 Trista	Okay. So do you like Pittsburgh then?
715 SD	I like it. I mean only reason I like it is because this is were all my family is.
716 Trista	Mm Hmm.
717 SD	And that's the only thing I would miss..
718 Trista	Mm.
719 SD	About it. [Truthfully]
720 Trista	[Okay.] Um what's changed about Pittsburgh in your memory?
721 SD	Mm. There's a lot of I'm trying to even see what has changed. I just know crime is getting worse.
722 Trista	Mm.
723 SD	To me.
724 Trista	Mm Hmm.
725 SD	Growing up I mean you know going to school and stuff, you didn't really have a lot of kids going to school with guns. And you know we didn't have that when I was going to high school. But nowadays it's like you don't even know if you want to send you kid to school.

726 Trista	Mm Hmm.
727 SD	You know to me it's a lot of um gang activity. These kids are just to me it's changed. That's the only thing I see that's worse, is the kids.
728 Trista	Okay.
729 SD	And you know cause a lot of my cousins are still in high school. So I hear a lot of their stories. And kn..you know half the stuff they tell me I I ain't never had to deal with. You know medal bout to put to medal detectors, I've never had to go through a medal detector when I was in high school. [Never.]
730 Trista	[Mm mm] Um so would you change then if you could? Like um..
731 SD	It's truthfully I don't even know what you could change.
732 Trista	Mm Hmm.
733 SD	You know I mean don't know what what goes peop... in people's mind because a lot.. and a lot of times these the teachers are not the greatest. They don't take an interest in these kids. I think there just here to teach.
734 Trista	Mm Hmm.
735 SD	You know and I mean that would be, ( ) we need better schools.
736 Trista	So what high schools are you referring to? Like?
737 SD	Um like Westinghouse. Ah I know where I use to go Basheer. They were in the process of putting medal detectors up there.
738 Trista	Mm Hmm.
739 SD	And that's a school that is not even predominately black.
740 Trista	Mm.
741 SD	That's the half and half. I mean were split right in between.
742 Trista	Mm Hmm.
743 SD	But the blacks I mean they just the kids the white kids the black kids. All the kids coming in there just you know some of them will bring guns. We never had that problem before.
744 Trista	Mm.
745 SD	Never=

746 Trista	=Never.
747 SD	I don't even know how you can change that. Because that's the mentality of kids coming in today.
748 Trista	Okay. Um do you think Pittsburgh is different from other cities?
749 SD	Yea to me Pittsburgh is more country. [Like a]
750 Trista	[Mm.]
751 SD	To me. I think we're a little slower ((laughter)) then other places seriously. I mean I go to other places and I be like man we are so slow. I mean like I don't know.
752 Trista	Slow in terms of?
753 SD	Like just the just our mentality. It's just not like a boom boom boom ((snapping of fingers)) like a I'm not saying like a New York. Cause New York is just too fast.
754 Trista	Mm hmm.
755 SD	But its just like, I'll say even going to Ohio.
756 Trista	Mm hmm.
757 SD	I think we're slower than Ohio [to me.]
758 Trista	[Mm hmm.]
759 SD	You know and there's just to me, I mean but I think anywhere that somebody comes from, there always something that you gotta say about where you come from.
Trista 760	Mm hmm.
SD 761	You know truthfully people come here and they be like "oh it's so much fun." What is wrong with you I be like what are you talking about? ((laughter)) Like there's nothing to do. ((laughter)) So I mean I think that's just because we're they come from they're so tired of going [to the same places.]
Trista 762	[Mm hmm.]
SD 763	But is the same with us.
Trista 764	Mm hmm. So do you consider yourself a typical Pittsburgher?
SD 765	I think so. [What is a typical?]
Trista	[What in what ways?]

766	
SD 767	Like what would be a typical? [I say the only thing..]
Trista 768	[I don't know like I re..I since I'm not you know] from Pittsburgh [L.]
SD 769	[I don't know I mean] depending on what a typical person is, just say I'm typical to the point that I love sports. And I don't know if that if that has to do with Pittsburgh but ( ) you know a lot of people there's one thing that they say and they say that on every channel on there, Pittsburgh Steelers are like the ( ) best fans that anybody can ever have cause they will travel all the way anywhere.
Trista 770	Mm hmm.
SD 771	To go see their their people play.
Trista 772	Mm hmm.
SD 773	And if that's the if other than that I don't what else is even typical of Pittsburgh. ((laughter)) I don't even know maybe the speech. I know there are certain things that I say.
Trista 774	Mm hmm.
SD 775	But other than that. I don't see nothing different.
Trista 776	Okay. Um or even looking at food. I mean how ( ) there are certain foods that you hear that only Pittsburghers do [with their food=]
SD 777	[=what like porgies] or something?
Trista 778	Maybe. [Um like the the the French fries] [on the salad]
SD 779	[I don't know I don't do porgies.] [Naw] Oh well the French fries on the salad I do that. But like they have that un Primani Brothers where they put the fre..now I don't do that.
Trista 780	Okay.
SD 781	But I do do the French fries on the salad.
Trista 782	Okay. ((laughter)) Um has being from Pittsburgh ever been a negative thing for you? Um?
SD 783	The only thing is having to deal with racism.
Trista 784	Mm. [Mm.]
SD 785	You know [and the way] that people deal you know being followed by cops.
Trista	Mm hmm.

786	
SD 787	Because of car you're driving.
Trista 788	Mm Hmm.
SD 789	Uh. Being at a mall and calling security guards because they think you're going to steal something from em. Or even just the typical people walking in the mall feeling you're going mug em because of the color of your skin.
Trista 790	Mm.
SD 791	And that that's that's the negative thing that I've had to deal with, and I ( ) that's not even me talking on people's experience. I experienced it myself.
Trista 792	[Okay.]
SD 793	[So you] know that's the only bad thing you know and like I said I don't know how it is anywhere else. But that's the worse thing I've ever had to deal with hear.
Trista 794	Mm. So like um could you like give me an example of where you actually had to like deal with sort of like that sort of either subtle racism or blatant racism.
SD 795	Well when I was at um Monroeville Mall, this may have been ((breaths hard)) probably about three years ago. And me and my friends were in the mall, we were at this store and it was called the Icing.
Trista 796	[Mm hmm.]
SD 797	[And it's] actually a jewelry store.
Trista 798	Mm hmm.
SD 799	Now this store is probably as big as like a bathroom. I mean it's so small, and we were sitting in there we were looking for and it was only me my and my friend. And the woman that worked in there called the security guard.
Trista 800	Mm.
SD 801	To come in and watch us and he followed us around the ((1 second pause)) around the little store. And I said "Well what are what are you doing?"
Trista 802	Mm hmm.
SD 803	And he said I'm just watching you. I said "what you think I'm a steal it?" I said "you know what I said this is as blatant as ever seen in my life" I said "now how do even know if we were in here?"
Trista 804	Mm hmm.
SD 805	And the woman call him.
Trista	Mm.

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SD 807	Because she said she was scared.
Trista 808	Mm.
SD 809	I mean like she just told that to me to my face. And so I reported it to the the whole like Monroeville back in the day when who whoever dealt with them cause there no longer the same company deals with Monroeville Mall.
Trista 810	Mm hmm.
SD 811	And I reported it to them. And I think like maybe after maybe two to three months after that that store closed.
Trista 812	Okay.
SD 813	Because that was as blatant as it could have been.
Trista 814	Mm. Mm.
SD 815	Not when I a give you my [money. You know.]
Trista 816	[That's really unfortunate too.] Um mm. Um so I guess then ((2 second pause)) you sort of described this this negative aspect of of Pittsburgh then um. Would you would you say like um Pittsburgh is becoming known for that? I mean have you heard stories about you know visiting Pittsburgh and having to deal with that or?
SD 817	Not people living, not people that have come in. But people that live here yes. I mean you know exact same things you know followed by police. You know that kind of thing and you know you hear that all the time.
Trista 818	Mm hmm. [Mm hmm]
SD 819	[But] other than that people coming in they don't see it or have have never experienced it but the people living here or like a few of my friends and stuff you know have to experience the same thing I have.
Trista 820	Okay.
SD 821	So.
AAVE Trista 822	Okay uh Stephanie um this is sort of ( ) somewhat similar to what I the questions that I'd asked you earlier um about the Pittsburgese or um you know have you ever heard of you know the term yinzer. Um etc.
SD 823	Alight.
Trista 824	Um. But this it's it's a little bit different only um in that it's um incorporating uh African American speech into now. Um so would you say that African Americans in Pittsburgh talk differently from white people?
SD	Yes.

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Trista 826	How?
SD 827	I guess because it seems like to me like might talk more slang.
Trista 828	Okay.
SD 829	You know or just the way we say certain things. I mean I its like to me it might be just a little more slang. I mean but we you can talk proper when you [need to.]
Trista 830	[Mm hmm.]
SD 831	[But I mean] I just think that our our speech involves more slang.
Trista 832	Okay. Um what about do you think you talk different (um) the African Americans in Pittsburgh may talk differently from other African Americans in other places?
SD 833	Mm Hmm. Because there certain things that we may say or certain things that you know African Americans might say in Charlotte that we may not even say here.
Trista 834	Mm hmm.
SD 835	You know or vice versa. Or maybe in Detroit or Ohio. I mean there's a lot things you know different words and terms that we might use that nobody even knows what you're talking about.
Trista 836	Mm hmm.
SD 837	So I think we do talk different amongst ourselves and amongst white people.
Trista 838	Have you ever uh like do you have like an actual example to where you've you've actually seen um you've you've interacted with somebody who's not from Pittsburgh but you've seen them um using words that you're not familiar with that? Or you use words that they're not familiar with?
SD 839	I mean the only thing that I the the familiar thing is like why are you like nebbby.
Trista 840	Mm hmm.
SD 841	You know where you know they might know. Or rippen, "why you rippen on me."
Trista 842	Mm hmm.
SD 843	That I've used but truthfully I can't even remember half the stuff that they may have said to me that I understand. But I know from them saying it to them. Two of the main things is like nebbby or like rippen. Where they they though actually they took offense to it.
Trista	Mm.



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SD 845	Mm Hmm.
Trista 846	Okay. Um so like do you have like an example where you see you see either yourself or other people other African Americans talking different...differently from from white people?
SD 847	Well yea because you figure there certain words, I mean I very rarely I have ever heard a African American say yinz.
Trista 848	[Okay.] [Okay.]
SD 849	[Yinz guys] [Like hey yinz guys] Like to me that like a a what white people say.
Trista 850	Okay.
SD 851	Or like "gosh."
Trista 852	[Okay.]
SD 853	[Like] I I don't see to many African Americans say "oh my gosh."
Trista 854	Uh huh.
SD 855	Like I see white people saying that.
Trista 856	Mm hmm.
SD 857	Those are my two instances, especially around here.
Trista 858	Okay. So those are the only only two [two words you can think of now?]
SD 859	[Those are the only thing I can think of] Mm hmm.
Trista 860	Okay. Okay, um what about like the structure of speech. Like do you see just separate from terms like I you you said that the terms you think African American use are are more slang terms more..
SD 861	But I mean we can be professional when we need to.
Trista 862	Mm hmm.
SD 863	You know and and and and I feel that I there are some professional African Americans that are out there that can be just as professional as a white person that use the same exact things.
Trista 864	Mm Hmm.
SD 865	But its like sometimes when you get around your friends you know how you you tend to go into a different mode.

Trista 866	Okay.
SD 867	You know and and I see that cause I do it myself.
Trista 868	[Right.]
SD 869	[I mean] there's a lot of things I know I would not say at work.
Trista 870	Mm hmm.
SD 871	But I say it when I get around my friends cause I know they know what I'm talking about.
Trista 872	Okay. Okay. Alright um, when you get like if have you ever experienced um outside of work like maybe talking to someone who's not African American who would you uh would you use African American speech around someone who wasn't African American? [(Have) have] you have you actually?
SD 873	[Well it dep...} Yea. Because I mean in sometimes they know what I'm talking about because there's there's certain things that you might say if somebody you can tell who may have been around African Americans growing up.
Trista 874	Mm hmm.
SD 875	And they might know. I mean there certain things I can even say cause I know there some things that I you know (1 second pause) be like...I don't even know how to describe it or like you know "what's up homie." You know I mean like what's up. You know you white people ( ) I feel white people can identify with that because they they say it too because they hear everybody else saying it.
Trista 876	Mm Hmm.
SD 877	You know what I'm saying. But like you know when you say like what's up homie, to me I think like a lot of whites and African Americans say that.
Trista 878	Mm hmm.
SD 879	Just because everybody kind of hears what other people say.
Trista 880	Mm hmm.
SD 881	But there certain words that you know I just know we will not say like yinz and all that stuff [like that.]
Trista 882	[Mm hmm] Mm hmm. Okay alright.
<b>Reading 1a</b> Trista	Okay so we're basically just going to read this passage um. And its entitled co-workers at the office. Um I'm going to read the part of Ron and you can read the part of uh Denise.

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SD 884	Okay. What's that foul odor coming out of the filing cabinet? It Ron or somebody hiding a bag of dead fish in there? Ron did you go fishing over the weekend?
Trista 885	That's my lunch. Don and I stopped down in the Strip on the way in and brought some of that great goat cheese they're selling at Pen Mac. It's really ripe. I thought of putting it in the fridge but I didn't. It's good if it's not too cold. Go on you try it.
SD 886	Get it out of here. I can't stand the smell. Next thing you know people will be calling the police wantin to know where the body is. Cheese like that should be illegal.
<b>Reading</b> <b>2</b> SD 887	Donald McMunn grew up along the Allegheny river before there were modern appliances for things like washing clothes. They raised a few cattle kept chickens and ducks for the good eggs, and grew crops alfalfa that sold for a few cents a pound. They hunted for muskrat, deer, and squirrel for the meat and the skins. Although their home was just a few miles from Pittsburgh, as the eagle flies it could have been the olden days there. Many adults couldn't read or write and children didn't always know to much either. Don's family would wash their pots and pans in the nearby stream, despite the fact that the water had an old yellow color because of the coal mines up stream. Down the river to the south west, smoking flames from the stacks of the steel mills showed the strength of modern day industry. But Don and his family lived in an old fashion way, getting up at dawn to walk the length of their Hills side fields making sure the cows' water troughs were filled. After a long day behind a plough a plough or a spinning wheel, they wild the time at home. They took pleasure in singing mostly hymns based on the bible, while Don's wife hymned old cloths and crocheted shawls protecting herself from the cold.

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