

Dr. Gloria Kumagai Oral History Interview Index

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- 17:39 Activism started in college with anti-Vietnam demonstrations and Asian American Movement
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- 21:45 Limited ways for Asian Americans to be involved in state government
- 22:55 White House initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders
- 24:20 Impact of advocacy and Asian American Resource Center; teacher training and integrating minorities into curriculum
- 26:44 Minnesota State Conference in June 1977
- 28:23 Identity as feminist and definition of feminism
- 31:15 State conference in Minnesota and reasons for wanting to attend; women of color not represented in state government
- 33:55 National Women's Conference memories; Patsy Takemoto Mink as role model; caucusing with Asian American and Pacific Islanders
- 35:06 Minority Women resolution wasn't initially unanimous because one MN delegate did not think racism was a factor
- 41:41 Minnesota State Conference
- 42:56 After the National Women's Conference and attempt to meet with their state's governor
- 45:03 Feeling excited when returning home; thoughts of how she could help American Pacific Islander community and Southeast Asian refugees, especially the Hmong
- 47:00 Responsibilities as delegate after the conference; no follow-up after disappointment with governor
- 49:16 Meeting with teacher groups in Chicago to get ideas to implement in Minnesota; stereotypes about Asians
- 51:00 Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans, and Commission on Civil Rights
- 51:48 Dealing with pushback during conference
- 54:28 Public talks about the conference after attending the NWC
- 55:59 No plans made for implementation after the conference

57:10 Media coverage

59:26 Memorabilia items and discussion

1:03:00 Experiences shared with family

1:06:00 NWC as good opportunity for inclusivity though not all states reflected their populations

1:07:00 Legacies of NWC

1:09:09 Thoughts on today's feminist movement and goals; current women's issues; "You have to get good at losing so that you know how to move forward."

1:12:02 Advice for younger women; network with others of similar mindset and communicate with elected representatives