

Interview with Khalilah Sabra by Alexis Pauline Gumbs, Isabell Moore and Manju Rajendran

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Interviewee

Khalilah Sabra

Interviewers

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Transcription

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Description of the Interviewee

Khalilah Sabra is a long time community activist and the Director of the Muslim American Society Freedom North Carolina chapter. Ms. Sabra completed her undergraduate studies at California State University and graduate studies at UCLA. She is active in education, media, and civil rights issues.

Other notes

This interview is different than the other interviews conducted for the Heirs collection so far. Manju Rajendran, who served as the Heirs Project's outreach coordinator at the time of this interview, approached Bridgette Burge and asked if the Heirs Project would support interviewing Khalilah. Manju, Isabell and Alexis all three were present and used notes and content from the interview for their personal research or project purposes.

The style is different in that it doesn't chronicle Khalilah's life history in a similar timeline from birth to date as do the other interviews. Also, the three interviewers did not take field notes or provide biographical data or a release form. Bridgette edited the interview, indexed it and sought Khalilah's approval for the bio, transcript, index and Heirs Project's use of the interview in October 2008, a year after the interview was conducted.

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