

Annotated Bibliography – Interviews

Pavel, Mary J. Telephone interview. 6 Apr. 2014. We had the pleasure to conduct an interview with Committee on Indian Affairs Staff Director Mary Pavel. She spoke about government, tribal, family, and student perspectives on the complicated issue of boarding schools. We featured quotes and sound clips from this phone interview throughout our website. This interview helped us connect the historical boarding school to problems American Indian communities are facing today.

Swanaset Jr, George. E-mail interview. 7 Apr. 2014. We interviewed George Swanaset Jr, who is the Director of the NookSack Indian Tribe Cultural Resources Department. He is also a storyteller for traditional tribal stories. As we visited the Hilbub Cultural Center, we had the opportunity to listen to some traditional stories, and exchange email addresses. We interviewed him via email, and used his responses throughout our project to better our understanding of the importance of culture in our society.

Voelkers, Shona. Personal interview. 1 Apr. 2014. We had the chance to interview Shona Voelkers, a law student from the University of Washington specializing in American Indian law. In our interview, she explained the role tribal sovereignty played in securing the rights of American Indians and how different eras in government policy reflected the tribes' states as different types of nations. The interview was filmed, and video clips from this interview explaining tribal sovereignty can be found on our Removal Era page.