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Transcription

1. Will you please state your name, your job title, and the name of the organization you work for?

It is Serena Frost and my job title is instructor of English here at Virginia Tech.

2. Where are you originally from and what did your parents do for a living?

I am originally from Carroll County VA, and my mother is an accounts payable clerk and my father is in maintenance management.

3. How long have you worked at your current job?

5 years

4. What is your education level?

Master's degree.

5. How far do you have to travel to get to work?

About 35 minutes each way depending on traffic

6. Did you choose you choose your profession or did it choose you?

I chose my profession very carefully

7. What is a typical day like for you?

On days that I teach it's filled solely with teaching four classes and having about two hours of office hours each day

What classes do you teach?

I teach freshman composition, research and into and I also teach business writing and next semester hopefully Appalachian literature.

8. Did your education play a role in obtaining your current job?

Yes if I didn't have it I couldn't have this job.

9. What would you tell someone that is interested in pursuing a similar career?

Get the highest GPA possible, pay attention in classes, go to class watch teachers modeling their teaching style, take classes you are most interested in teaching and not classes you are most interested in taking necessarily

10. Do you enjoy your job and what is the most rewarding/exciting part?

I absolutely love my job, I enjoy the interaction with the students, that's my favorite part

11. Has there been any times that made you question it?

Oh, when we have things like budget cuts and we don't get raises and we know that we are doing an excellent job that's sort of unfulfilling

12. Do you feel you are properly compensated for what you do?

Sometimes, sometimes.

13. Do you have any professions outside of this one like side jobs?

No

14. Are you satisfied with your lifestyle outside of work ? how or how not?

Absolutely I have a wonderful family and we do lots of fun activities together.

15. If you could choose any profession what would it be and why?

This one, there is something to be said about teaching and that you have the ability to work with students at a pre jaded stage of their life. And they are open to learning versus when you get older sometimes you get set in your ways and are not as open to learning and I enjoy meeting students at that stage in their lives.

16. Do you think education these days is more just students trying to get the degree to move up in life?

I think that formal post secondary education is not for everyone. I have met students who should not be at college they would be better at a technical school or trade or something like that. I also think that education is sometimes pushed upon students they feel like they have to get an education in order to make certain amount. I know several people who have degrees but are not working in their field but because they have a degree period, they are making good money so it doesn't matter what the degree is in so it's sort of a double edged sword.

17. Do you have anything else you would like to share?

Nope