

Opening script: Hi there, folks! This is the “NULab” podcast; I am your host, NULab Coordinator and Northeastern graduate student Emily Sullivan. This episode is entitled “Holiday Tradition.” In it, I will interview selected members of my family on Thanksgiving 2023 and ask them what their favorite thanksgiving tradition is, and why that tradition has meant something to them. My goal for these interviews is to capture an oral portrait of my family at this moment in time--right now in 2023, what does the holiday season mean to them? I am going to edit together the answers so that it really feels like an oral portrait, rather than an interview.

Pre-interview disclosure: This interview is meant to gain insight on traditions within a specific family unit: What are the traditions unique to this family? Why are they important to each individual within the family? How do these traditions—no matter how formal or informal—contribute to the network of care within the family? The goal is to capture an oral portrait of a family, situated in a specific historical moment. Please know that all of the following questions are entirely voluntary; you may decline to answer at any time. Similarly, if after the interview you’ve changed your mind and would like something edited out or redacted from the record, I would also be happy to accommodate that. Are you comfortable moving on to the interview?

Interview guide:

- What is your full name?
- What is your age (if you’re willing to share?)
- What are your roles within your family? Please include any that apply (e.g., daughter & mother, or daughter, mother & grandmother, etc. Can also include any roles that you see yourself as fulfilling within the family, outside of the traditional titles)
- What is one family tradition that you have fond memories of?
 - Can you describe it?
- Why has this tradition meant something to you?
 - What is something that you’ve learned / that has become important to you through participating in this tradition?