

A. Personal Notes

1. Hello Ashka! How are you doing?
2. Are you ready for us to record the interview?
3. If you don't mind, I'm just going to ask how you are doing again for the purposes of the interview. Are you okay with that?

**II. Introductory Information From Ethan Regarding Interview Logistics**

- A. Thank you so much for taking time today to share some of your experiences with us.
- B. I appreciate it and I am sure that the viewers of this interview are grateful as well!
- C. Before we get started, I'm going to review some of the ways we will handle the information you share with us.
- D. Stop me if you have any questions – I want to make sure you are clear at all times during the interview.
- E. If you have any questions that I can't answer, Wesley (my Youth Justice teacher) can.
- F. Simply put, Ashka, your interview is yours. At the end of our time today, I will upload the recording to a safe Dropbox within Duke. I will transcribe it over the next [4 weeks] and send it back to you to review. Once you get the transcript, I will ask you to edit it for two things: (1) accuracy: in case I misspelled a name, got a date wrong, and (2) you decide there are parts of the interview you'd like to edit out.
- G. Once we have completed the interview transcription process, and I have your permission to upload it, the interview and transcript will be uploaded to the public site at Duke, link here:  
<https://research.repository.duke.edu/concern/datasets/hx11xg048?locale=en> (Will be shared with you at this point in the interview).
- H. Were you able to get the link to the public site, Ashka?
- I. There will likely be things you share today that are very important, but that I don't know enough about yet to form good questions. This is not unusual for oral history – sometimes interviewers need time to think through powerful testimony and circle back. I'd like to be able to ask any follow up questions I may have after the interview via email. Is that okay with you?
- J. Also, thank you very much for sharing the consent form. Do you have any questions about it, or are you all good on your end?

**III. Questions (\*Note: I most likely will be asking follow-up questions throughout the interview)**

1. Part I: Advocacy Work For Reproductive Health ([I want to begin by asking you questions about your advocacy work for reproductive health](#))
  - **Prompt #1:** I am aware that you are Editor-in-Chief & Policy Director of *The Flow*, Duke University's first student-run publication that is dedicated

to covering the stories behind reproductive health through the lens of art, culture, writing, and academic research.

1) How is it like taking on the role of Editor-in-Chief and Policy Director for this publication?

- **Prompt #2:** In the “Team” page of *The Flow*’s website, I see that you have mentioned that “growing up, you did not always realize how important of a role reproductive health policy played in people’s everyday lives.

2) With that being said, what ultimately caused you to advocate for reproductive health outside of just your interests in community health and health equity? Why?

3) How did the thing(s) that caused you to advocate for reproductive health relate to why you took on the role of Editor-in-Chief and Policy Director for *The Flow*?

- **Prompt #3:** Outside of your involvement with *The Flow*, I am aware that you wrote an article called “Closed for Business: The Current Trend of Southern Abortion Clinics” for *Ms. Magazine*, which relates to your current work as Reproductive Research Fellow for the Population Institute. In this article, you touch on the fact that, with recent abortion bans that have occurred in the South, the amount of physicians who choose to reside in this region of the United States has dropped. Because of this, you state that “if no one fills the growing vacuum left by physicians fleeing criminalization of abortion, reproductive health services will suffer more than they do now.”

4) Would you be able to elaborate on the ways in which reproductive health services are currently suffering outside of just the number of physicians that are available to staff them?

5) Given your role as an advocate for reproductive health, what do you believe that everyone should do to bolster reproductive health services (aside from increasing the number of physicians that reside in the South)?

2. Part II: Life ([I want to now transition into questions about your life in general](#))

- **Prompt #1:** I am aware that you are originally from Cincinnati, Ohio before you eventually came here to Durham, North Carolina.

1) If you feel comfortable, would you be able to elaborate on what your childhood was like?

- **Prompt #2:** I am also aware that you were formerly a student of William Mason High School. I know that you graduated Summa Cum Laude from this institution as a National Merit Scholar Finalist, AP Scholar with Distinction, and with a student who obtained the Spanish Seal of Biliteracy. I also know that you engaged in various activities such as

Science National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Student Government, and Varsity High School and Club Swim Team.

2) On that note, what activities did you find were most special to you and why?

3) How did these activities impact your advocacy work for reproductive health if at all?

- **Prompt #3:** I have also learned that you have taken on many volunteering opportunities such as being Treasurer and English Tutor for GANO at Duke University, Bilingual Patient Resource Navigator for the Duke University Health System, an intern for Jillian Riley's campaign for Durham Soil and Water Conservation Supervisor. I notice that many of your volunteering experiences are bilingual and tailored toward assisting Spanish-speaking individuals.

4) Would you be elaborate on why you ultimately chose to pursue these kinds of volunteering opportunities?

5) What relationship do these kinds of volunteering opportunities have to your advocacy work for reproductive health if at all?

3. Part III: Academic Career At Duke (Next, I would like for us to transition into questions that relate to your academic career)

- **Prompt #1:** I have learned that you are currently an undergraduate senior at Duke University and that you are pursuing a Biology Major, Computational Biology minor, and Global Health minor.

1) Would you be able to elaborate on why you chose to pursue these specific academic programs given that there are also other health-related programs (such as Pre-med for example)?

2) Would you also be able to explain how these academic programs relate to you advocating for reproductive health for all if at all?

- **Prompt #2:** I have also learned that you were a research assistant for the WISH Bass Connections Project.

3) Would you be able to walk me through what you found most significant about the WISH Bass Connections Project, which involved developing a model for cervical cancer prevention and treatment?

4. Part IV: Career Beyond Duke (Finally, I would like to ask us some questions about your career beyond Duke)

- a. **Prompt #1:** According to my research, you describe yourself as an aspiring physician.

1) After graduating from Duke and completing the rest of your secondary education, what do you aspire to do as a physician?

2) What influence would your advocacy work for reproductive health have on this future career?

5. Part V: Loose Ends

a. **Prompt #1:** Alright, well that is all I had in terms of questions that I personally wanted to ask!

1) Before we end our interview today, is there anything that we didn't touch on that you hoped to discuss during this interview?

**IV. End of Interview Logistics**

- A. Well, thank you very much, Ashka, for all of the information you shared regarding yourself and your work to advocate for women's health, but especially the information you shared about yourself!
- B. Before we end our interview today, have you finished filling out the interview consent form?
- C. Also, do you have any other questions that you wanted to ask me?
- D. Awesome, well thank you again, Ashka! If I have any questions, I will be sure to email you.
- E. Thank you again, and I will see you later! Bye!