Transcript of the interview between Karletta Chief and Adrianna Nicolay

Karletta Chief: So our next graduates is Adrianna Nicolay and she's not able to be here us, as I stated earlier, but Adrianna came to us from the Pacific Northwest. She got her bachelor's degree and came down to the U of A and started working with Dr. Gregg Garfin and the Water, Society and Policy Program.

So, Dr Gregg Garfin was here earlier, but he actually had a meeting to go to, but he wanted me to share his remarks with everybody and to Adrianna.

“I had the privilege of serving as Ms. Adrianna Latoya Nicolay’s advisor in Water, Society and Policy master's Program. Adrianna master's project communities and relationships to water in Tucson, Arizona was conducted in 2020 and collaboration with the Watershed Management Group, a local conservation organization. Adrianna’s work drew upon her interests in storytelling, community, and the power of stories to both enfold collective memory and renew the relationships of people with water and environment and the spirit that gives life to all beings.

What made Adrianna’s project, particularly powerful was the care that she devoted to establishing relationships with Tucson residents based on acknowledgement of her own relation to water and rivers.

People who started out as strangers to Adrianna became, at least for a short time, community all relations to the Santa Cruz river and it's watershed. Thank you Adrianna for the gifts that you brought to the project from your life experience, your studies at the university, and your involvement with the Indige-FEWSS program. Congratulations Adrianna.”

Karletta Chief: I’d like to I thank Adrianna for her leadership in the Mappers group. So she was part of the MAPPERS which I keep wanting to call the masters. (Getting probably confused with my son’s video games that he does.)

What she did with that team was to begin to develop a story map about the community engagement that we do with all our many partners and because. Our community engagement extends far and involves different trainings at different times and different community members. What we wanted to do was share that story to organize way, so Adrianna was very persistent and getting the information she needed. And we really appreciate all the work that she’s done contributing to that and we will definitely pick it up from here with the trainees and complete that project.

We wish you all the best Adrianna and we hope that we can see you again in person, please do visit us and we're always here if it doesn't work out in Oregon if you want to come back and do your PhD at the University of Arizona.