Navila Castro – *Interview conducted by undergraduate student, Jasmine Uresti, from Dr. Katherine Ledford's Appalachian Stories course, in the teacher's lounge on the Language Department at Appalachian State University.*

Q1 – Who are you, When and where were you born?

I am Navila Castro I was born in Ventura, California.

Q2 – What did your parents do for a living? Did you contribute to the family income or help parents in their work in any way?

My parents are self-employed they have a construction company. I didn't help contribute in that way but I've had jobs since high school, part time jobs.

Q3 – What do you do for a living?

I am an adjunct instructor in the language department.

Q4 – How long have to worked there?

I've worked here at Appalachian State for two years.

Q5 – How did you decide on your career?

I decided to work here because of classes I took and networking I developed while being a student.

Q6 – How would you say the work has changed since you started?

I wouldn't say work has changed, I've transitioned from student to instructor but I'm very familiar with the material.

Q7 – Describe a typical work day

I get to work, I open ASUlearn, I lesson plan, answer emails, I walk into class, my instruction time is 50 minutes. We do communicative skills using speaking, listening, writing and conversation in Spanish, and then I dismiss the class and go home.

Q8 – What type of people do you work with?

I work with adult learners, college age students.

Q9 – Does your occupation have any special sayings or expressions? What are they? How did they come about?

No not really.

Q10 – What special knowledge, skills, and abilities are needed? What techniques and methods?

Methodology, we stick to ACTFUL the association for foreign language teaching, you need people skills you need to be able to relate to your students and be accessible. You need to speak clearly.

Q11 – What are things about your work outsiders would not expect?

How much time it takes to plan one 50-minute class

Q12 – What were originally the most difficult aspect or your job?

Maintaining expectations for my students.

Q13 – What is/was the most satisfying?

Reading my evaluations and knowing that I did make a difference and my students did learn something.

Q14 – What advice would you give someone beginning this line of work?

To put in as much work as you expect from your students.

Q15 – Describe a memorable moment from work.

I had a class outside this past semester and we had stations and one of them was throwing around a ball with questions using grammar points and another one was wearing headbands and having to practice job positions so all my students really enjoyed that day and during that day a group giving a tour was passing by and everyone asked my students questions about what it's like to be a student here and I was glad they were there.

Q16 – When did you move to Boone?

I moved here 3 years ago.