

This document is a transcript of the library podcast consisting of interview with Ms. Amy Bondy, the High Point campus librarian, and her observations about what it is like to be a native New Yorker relocating to the South.

Keith introduced Amy, who describes what her job is at GTCC and relays when she started.

Amy then describes where she moved from-a town in NY that is a suburb of the capital of NY, Albany.

She then describes where her home is located in relation to NYC. She then mentions other cities near as well-Montreal Canada and Boston Mass. Actually thought about going to grad school in Montreal, a city she really enjoys.

Attended community college for 2 years, then transferred to Smith College in Northampton, Mass., a very typical New England town, folksy, quaint, and artistic.

Relocated to Chapel Hill NC to go to library school at UNC.

Differences when she first moved to NC not as noticeable as Chapel Hill is a very international and suburban town.

A digression about her issues with use of the word ya'll.

Differences more noticeable when she moved to the eastern part of NC for a job-cultural differences much more noticeable-small town and rural.

Biggest differences...pace of life is slower in the South...no one is in a rush. Compares with her husband's first trip to a grocery store in NY...much more hurried than a grocery trip in NC.

Hardware store story-lady at cash register very friendly, Amy had to tell this lady her complete life story. Very, very different....southern congeniality not so strange to her now.

She met her husband in NY at a party for a friend being deployed overseas...just a few days prior to meeting husband Amy had decided to come to NC, not knowing future husband stationed in NC.

Not sure if she has ever been treated as a "damn Yankee", and but once addressed as a "damn Yankee"-story about woman who told her the difference between being a redneck and Yankee.

Discussion of the origins of "damn Yankee."

What she likes about living in NC compared to NY-warmer, not as many layers of clothing. Effect of snow amazes her -in NY would always go to school even in deep snow.

First year she lived here got snow at Christmas, and it didn't snow in NY. Doesn't like cold rain.

Thing she likes least-being away from her family and the lack of "mom and pop" coffee shops.

Advice for someone making this type of transition-just be open to regional culture, such as southern inquisitiveness. It is not necessary to protect yourself-be yourself...people interested in where you come from.

Advises a trip to the north in the summer-beautiful country and less humid.

Conclusion.