**Education**: 19 years of education ending with a college degree in Social Work

**9/02:** Arrives in the U.S. (Portland) with her husband and two sons.

**1/03 to 3/03**: 2<sup>nd</sup> term of ESL (level B All Skills and Intermediate Listening Speaking)

4/03-6/03 3<sup>rd</sup> term in ESL (level B All Skills)

**9/03-12/03 4**<sup>th</sup> term in ESL (level C All Skills and High Beginning Reading/Writing)

2<sup>nd</sup> interview: (2-04)

- -employed part time
- -discusses the richness of her life now that she can communicate with people in English
- -general goals: speak with children's teachers, get a better job

4<sup>th</sup> interview: (3-06)

-general goals: to communicate better by doing business with clients, volunteer as a guest speaker at the children's school **1963:** Born in Mexico City, Mexico

**1983-2002** Works in four different jobs as a social worker—in a school, government offices, and hospitals.

**9/02:** enrolls in the lowest level of ESL (level A) at Portland Community College

1<sup>st</sup> interview (1-03)

- -unemployed
- -Discusses her son's homesickness
- -General goals: to get a job and learn English
- -Academic goals: obtain a professional license or certificate

Summer 2003- did not take classes

**1/04-3/04 5<sup>th</sup> term in ESL** (level C All Skills)

3<sup>rd</sup> interview: (5-05)

-general goals: to communicate better at work -Academic goals: now changed to graduate