

Lee Lee Doyle Tape Summary

First Person Plural Project

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Intro - First Person Plural project

JB Thank you so much, understand raised West Coast

LLD Raised small farm near Sacramento [California]
Dairy father, mother nurse

JB Dad encouraged medical

LLD Dad died when I was 12
Encouraged science
2000 in town [Dixon, California]
Horse two blocks away, farming
Lambstown USA, grandfather certified
Wheat & sugar beets also
Now UC-Davis, Travis Air Force Base
I was only child, spoiled by grandparents
Attended Dominican College [San Rafael, CA], used to be girls
Stanford – M.A.
Tulane – Ph.D.

JB Catholic education?

LLD Parents – two Catholic backgrounds, Protestants until I was nine

JB What happened then?

LLD Lambs, UC-Davis, [University California-Davis] 2-year school
Then very agricultural

JB Interested reproductive physiology, family background Catholic

LLD Not a good Catholic
Vanguard for church
Technician animal husbandry, medical school

JB Member my family also in physiology, explain interface patient, research -

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LLD Can't treat patients, research intrauterine devices
Could develop, but not insert

JB At UAMS [University of Arkansas Medical School] Topps program [Teen Obstetrical
Perinatal Parenting Services]

LLD Developed, administered but didn't see patients

- JB How work?
- LLD Medical education/administration
Haven't done bench research in 15-20 years
Have focused on how medical students learning what they are learning
Had me running, administering programs
- JB Common situation – colleges professors often not trained to teach
- LLD If you want to give a good talk, here's what you need –
- JB Returning to civic responsibility – spoken of grandmother
- LLD Huge influence on my life
She was grandfather's second wife, feminist before there were such
Grandfather made and lost money well
She clerked in store

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During the war [World War II] worked in a plant
She had a cook, gardener
Chosen by co-workers to represent plant
Told me first dirty joke

- JB Remember?
- LLD Involved the word shit
- JB First volunteer commitment?
- LLD First came home from convent, working in Davis
Enchanted Hill [camp], blind pianist
We needed diving board – raised money and put in diving board
Red Cross volunteered to teach swimming, got me involved – singing and staying up late
- JB Stories of Anytown [Arkansas commitment]

- LLD Present for first Anytown – until I couldn't get off floor
Can't remember – NCCJ [National Conference Christians and Jews] project, Ron LaNoue
[then head of National Conference of Christians and Jews in Arkansas, now known as Just
Communities. Lanoue developed a number of programs, including Anytown.]

Black and white dialogue
I had no knowledge, met Ron and made connection

- JB Recently honored by Just Communities, stay with your commitments –
The biggie –

- LLD Stick with my mistakes
Planned Parenthood, back to UC-San Francisco

JB When?

LLD 1950s, 1960s

Wonderful clinician, intrauterine contraception

I designed a model

My clinician was working on a trial at Planned Parenthood

Went on to work with Southern region, national board, Arkansas is now allied with Iowa, Nebraska, part of Oklahoma

JB Really interesting situation

LLD Controversial

Interesting, hard to repeal, hard to take back

No question have to control reproduction

Makes women second class – daughter, sweetheart, wife, mother

We used to see Tijuana Tuesday – women terribly ill

JB Show up in emergency rooms?

LLD Changing my opinion

In real world, why so many foes of abortion also oppose contraception?

Personhood amendments -

JB Why states coming together [as in Arkansas coalition]?

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LLD Economies of scale

Tulsa, then Heartland, do more things

JB Organization controversial, hard to raise money?

LLD Unless being attached – then friends shell out – many anonymous

Tough for all organizations in recession

JB Not surprised

LLD All the lies they put out

3% nationally is abortion

JB See any changes on the horizon?

LLD Chipping away

People who remember the days before Roe [v. Wade decision] dying

JB People say that to me about other struggles

American health care – intertwined

LLD Book about infant mortality

Increased neonatal mortality rate as economic issue
Facts not persuasive, stories sell

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Planned Parenthood very good at telling stories

Notes background in philosophy/biology
Speaks of St Thomas Aquinas
Her view that ensoulment occurs when we need them, viable when we are about to be born

- JB Notes philosophical position
Asks about mentoring women faculty at UAMS, women's faculty caucus [Debbie Fiser]
- LLD Developed program in 1992 with encouragement of Dodd Wilson [then dean of UAMS College of Medicine, later chancellor of UAMS] how to be better teachers, how to keep women faculty under our wing
- I was always in a clinical department, usually knew all the women
Could count on two hands
Not in higher ranks, how to get to higher ranks
Wonderful successes and failures
1-year contract
- Major professor usually your mentor
I always regretted that I didn't go to medical school
Now my mentor is an M.D.

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- JB Said you always regretted not going to med school – what happened
- LLD Parents said they'd pay. I wouldn't make that promise [not to marry during school]. Paid for my own graduate school, scholarship to college.
- Discusses her role with others in founding Women's Foundation Arkansas

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Talks about WFA program – showed girls opportunities from small towns like the kind I grew up in
10 years of collecting data, who knows what one time intervention [can achieve]

- JB Something else that interested me was the article you did about language in letters of reference
- LLD Fun thing to do
- Questions: childbirth, never ask a man that
Assertive/aggressive
Dodd Wilson once told me, not nearly as direct as some younger women

Man's mind, women' body
Women's mind, man's body....

JB Woman's directness –not a compliment

LLD California, never ask about grandparents

JB Compared with Northeast, Arkansas has a lot in common with California

LLD Tells story of Arkansas pharmacy that accepted her check right off, general sense of [human] warmth

Buckle of Bible belt: who are your people? what is your church?

JB Role as Stonewall advisor

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LLD Faculty advisor, 2004, 2003, gay pride saw a gal I know
Would you speak at my church on why I support unpopular causes? I changed to: This I believe
Keynote -Norman, Oklahoma.
Husband & I drove over and talked about sex with my mother in the audience!

JB How about LGBTG, how easier?

LLD No difference me & my gay friends
Jesus camp documentary – very fundamentalist Old Testament, would Jesus go to Jesus camp?

JB I'm thinking: how did Lee Lee Doyle become herself?

LLD Influence of family, especially grandmother. Mother was prejudiced – “normal.” I like people, do unto others. Not everybody that open
Happy genes, pretty open
Bother me that friends can't marry, ICU [intensive care unit], health issues
I want my friends to have what I have
Now we have a number of straight members

When I went to the Clinton Center
Democratic: Senior caucus, Stonewall caucus

JB See change on that front?

LLD Yes, younger generation not an issue
Hopefully, someday will be like civil rights

JB Anything you'd like me to go back to?

LLD Wonderful career
Had a chance to do things that matter

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JB Altruism hardwired?

LLD Don't know what I'd do with my time

Example, challenge grant at WFA [Women's Foundation of Arkansas] – hit reply all, to encourage others