Mary Bucklin is 64 ½ years old, grew up in Jefferson, Iowa, and is a professor at Northern Kentucky University. She works in the field of women and gender studies and is a part of the LGBTQ community. In this interview, professor Bucklin speaks of her home life, schooling, and relationships that impacted her journey through the years. Having not heard the term “lesbian,” until her early 20’s, professor Bucklin’s self-discovery happened somewhat later than a lot of today’s generation. Where she was raised in Iowa, these topics were rarely discussed. Growing up in a religious home and community, spirituality greatly shaped the way she thought in her past as well as in her life now. She used this as a tool to “fix” her sexuality and fit into what society told her to be. Religion has also impacted the way that her siblings and childhood friends reacted to her coming out. This interview was part of an assignment for an Oral History Project for WGS 394, taught by Roland Sintos Coloma, in the 2018 spring semester.