



Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 00:04

Hi, this is Marla Blunt Carter from Rutgers School of Social Work's Toward a More Just Future. During my time with Valerie Biden Owens, I asked a few extra questions that didn't make our episode. Here's a rapid-fire with Valerie Biden Owens.

Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 00:23

Okay, now let's start our rapid-fire questions. I'll ask you to answer these in the fewest words possible- one word if possible. So, what is- now this is going to be hard to answer in one word- but what is your proudest achievement?

Valerie Biden Owens 00:39

Raising my older brother.

Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 00:41

Yeah, I can see that. What was the hardest thing you've ever done? And don't say raising your older brother.

Valerie Biden Owens 00:50

Accepting things in life that were not in my master plan.

Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 00:54

Wow, yeah. Who do you admire?

Valerie Biden Owens 00:58

My mom

Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 01:01

In one word- give me a word- that describes what motivates you.

Valerie Biden Owens 01:07

Achievement

Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 01:09

In one word, what's your source of inspiration?

Valerie Biden Owens 01:14

Family

Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 01:17

What's your favorite book?



Valerie Biden Owens 01:18

A couple of words. Recently, The Education of an Idealist, Samantha Power. And Jon Meacham's Soul of America, because Soul of America has a special ring to it nowadays.

Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 01:35

Yes, it does. Yes, it does. So what's on your playlist?

Valerie Biden Owens 01:41

The songs I grew up with, and The National that's my favorite band.

Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 01:45

Oh, right. And the last question is, what's the greatest lesson you've learned? And who or what taught you that lesson?

Valerie Biden Owens 01:58

Every life is an incredible act of bravery. And life taught me that lesson.

Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 02:05

Well, I personally can say you are one brave woman. Thank you.

Valerie Biden Owens 02:11

Thank you.