

**Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 00:02**

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

**Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 00:22**

Okay, so now let's get to the rapid-fire questions. I'm going to ask you some questions and hopefully you will answer them and as few words as possible.

**Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 00:34**

Number one, what is your proudest achievement?

**Nicole Epps, Executive Director, World Childhood Foundation USA 00:39**

My daughter

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

What was the hardest thing you've ever done?

**Nicole Epps, Executive Director, World Childhood Foundation USA 00:44**

Getting divorced

**Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 00:47**

Who do you admire?

**Nicole Epps, Executive Director, World Childhood Foundation USA 00:50**

My mother

**Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 00:51**

In one word, what motivates you?

**Nicole Epps, Executive Director, World Childhood Foundation USA 00:56**

Grayson [mouths, "my daughter"]

**Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 00:58**

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

**Nicole Epps, Executive Director, World Childhood Foundation USA 01:04**

God/Universe

**Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 01:08**

What is your favorite book?

**Nicole Epps, Executive Director, World Childhood Foundation USA 01:11**

That's not fair. I only get one?

**Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 01:14**

Okay, you can have three.

**Nicole Epps, Executive Director, World Childhood Foundation USA 01:16**

Okay. Their Eyes Were Watching God, The Color Purple, and any book by David Sedaris

**Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 01:25**

What currently is on your playlist?

**Nicole Epps, Executive Director, World Childhood Foundation USA 01:32**

I'm laughing. It's a I don't even know his money back. I don't it's he sings the song. I've got time today. It's---  
Okay, but I know it's rapid-fire. But the line is like we can keep it cordial, we can keep a gangster. It's been resonating with me this week.

**Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 01:49**

Wow. Ok. Yeah, that's the mantra of a boss.

**Nicole Epps, Executive Director, World Childhood Foundation USA 01:56**

Yeah

**Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 01:56**

There you go. So the last question is, what's the greatest lesson you've learned? Who or what taught you that lesson?

**Nicole Epps, Executive Director, World Childhood Foundation USA 02:10**

We are so much stronger than we think we are. And life has taught that to me, personally and professionally. You can handle it, and you will get through it.

**Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 02:24**

Go brave.

**Nicole Epps, Executive Director, World Childhood Foundation USA 02:25**

Go brave.

**Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 02:27**

Thank you.



**Nicole Epps, Executive Director, World Childhood Foundation USA 02:28**

Thank you so much. This is incredible. This is the best part of my day. So thank you so much for having me.

**Marla Blunt-Carter, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work 02:34**

Thank you for all the work that you do, that you will do in the future, and just for being just a beautiful light in the world.