



## Guide to the Elmer R. Rusco Collection on Ethnicity and Race in Nevada

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Rusco, Elmer R.
<b>Title:</b>	Elmer R. Rusco Collection on Ethnicity and Race in Nevada
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00196
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1964-1972
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.46 Cubic Feet (1 box)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.42 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Elmer R. Rusco Collection on Ethnicity and Race in Nevada (1964-1972) contains correspondence, court cases, employment information, and research materials compiled by Rusco for a book he was writing on race relations in Nevada.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Elmer R. Rusco received his academic training in Political Science. He attended the University of Kansas, receiving his B.A. in 1951, and his M.A. in 1952. He continued his schooling at the University of California, Berkeley, earning his Ph.D. in 1960. Dr. Rusco taught Political Science as an Assistant Professor at Parsons College and at the University of Nevada, Reno starting in 1963. In 1965, he joined the Bureau of Governmental Research at the University of Nevada, Reno, serving as the Assistant Director. He became the Director of the Bureau in 1967.

Dr. Rusco's areas of specialization were political theory, American politics, and voting behavior, and he published numerous articles and books focusing on these topics. He held memberships in Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Psi, Pi Sigma Alpha, American Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, and the American Association of University Professors.

His doctoral dissertation entitled, "Machine Politics, California Model: Arthur H. Samish and the Alcoholic Beverage Industry" won the annual award of Western Political Science Association in 1961. He received a grant from the Eagleton Institute of Politics in 1961, and from the Desert Research Institute, University of Nevada in 1964 and 1965.

Other activities included Dr. Rusco's Legislative Internship with the California Assembly, 1960-1961, membership on the University of Nevada Policy Committee on Academic Standards, 1964-1966, and membership on the Ad Hoc Executive Board of the Center for Western North American Studies.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Elmer R. Rusco Collection on Ethnicity and Race in Nevada (1964- to 1972) contains correspondence, court cases, employment information, and research materials compiled by Rusco for a book he was writing on race relations in Nevada. Materials include Clark County School District plans for integration, court cases and staff training manuals concerned with integration from 1968 through 1972. The collection also contains information on welfare, black employment, juvenile delinquency, race relations, poverty, and the Nevada Catholic Welfare Bureau. There is correspondence between Rusco and Robert Fahey, who was the director of the Catholic Welfare Bureau's Policy Action Leadership (PAL) as well as the assistant director of Catholic Community Welfare. The collection also contains newspaper clippings, court cases, and correspondence regarding discrimination within the Local 357 Electrical Union as well as detailed reports of the numbers of minorities working at major hotels in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Arrangement

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Materials are arranged by topic.

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1976 by Elmer Rusco; accession numbers T123 and, 76-56.

### Processing Note

Material was processed in 1996 by Caryll Batt Dziedziak. In 2016, Joyce Moore entered the collection information into ArchivesSpace. In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Sarah Jones revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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## Names and Subjects

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- School integration -- Nevada
- Minority women -- Employment -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Public welfare -- Nevada
- African Americans -- Employment -- Nevada -- Clark County
- Juvenile delinquency -- Nevada -- Clark County
- Poverty -- Nevada -- Clark County
- African Americans -- Civil rights -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Clark County (Nev.) -- Race relations
- Fahey, Robert
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- Clark County School District (Nev.)

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
School integration and welfare programs		
Correspondence regarding Clark County School District (CCSD) integration, 1972	box 1	folder 1
CCSD Integration Program, booklet, 1971	box 1	folder 1
CCSD Integration Program, booklet, 1970	box 1	folder 1
Court Case: Kelly v. Brown, 1969 June 23	box 1	folder 1
CCSD Civil Rights Act of 1964, staff training program booklet, 1964	box 1	folder 4
Notes concerning school officials and their duties, 1970	box 1	folder 4
"An Action Plan for Integration of Six Westside Elementary Schools", report submitted to Judge Bruce Thompson by the Clark County Board of School Trustees, 1968 October 16	box 1	folder 2
Court Case: Herbert Kelly v. James Mason, 1970 August 14	box 1	folder 2
Newspaper clippings regarding welfare, black employment, the Catholic Welfare Bureau, juvenile delinquency, race relations, and poverty, 1965-1969	box 1	folder 3
Policy Action Leadership (PAL) information, undated	box 1	folder 3
Nevada Social Welfare Association: Resolutions and Statements, report, 1968 May 10	box 1	folder 3
Agenda for Catholic Conference of Social Welfare in California, guest speaker Robert Fahey, 1965 April 26	box 1	folder 3
Correspondence from Clark County Council of Social Agencies to Governor Paul Laxalt, 1969 January 02	box 1	folder 3
An Exploratory Study of Alienated Student Behavior, booklet, undated	box 1	folder 3
Correspondence from Elmer Rusco to Louis Vitale, 1970 October 1-15	box 1	folder 3
Notes regarding the Catholic Welfare System	box 1	folder 3
Correspondence from Elmer Rusco to Robert Fahey, 1970 August	box 1	folder 3
Electrical Union Local 357 research		
Correspondence from Elmer Rusco to Stuart Herman, 1970 August 25-31	box 1	folder 5
Presentation to the State Apprenticeship Council, by Joe Neal regarding discrimination in the various apprenticeship programs, undated	box 1	folder 5
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Newspaper clippings regarding the Electrical Union Local 357, 1967, 1969	box 1	folder 5

Labor department regulations on equal opportunity in apprenticeship and training, undated	box 1	folder 5
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Court Case: Joe Neal v. Las Vegas Joint Apprenticeship Trust for the Pipe Trader Industry, 1970	box 1	folder 5
Court Case: Roy Chandler v. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 357, 1970	box 1	folder 5
Court Case: United States v. Local No. 357, 1972	box 1	folder 5
Correspondence from Joe Neal to various recipients , 1969	box 1	folder 5
Correspondence from Stanley P. Jones to Joe Neal, 1969 August 18	box 1	folder 5
Correspondence from Elmer Rusco to various recipients, 1972	box 1	folder 5
Casino minority employment information		
Consent decree, 1971 June 04	box 1	folder 6
Titles of positions held by minorities in major hotels, 1971	box 1	folder 6
Report of total minority employment for major hotels in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1971	box 1	folder 6
Correspondence from Stuart Herman to Elmer Rusco, 1972 February 25	box 1	folder 6
Correspondence from Elmer Rusco to the Nevada Resort Association, 1970 August 25	box 1	folder 6
Notes regarding Stuart Herman and the Union Quarterly Report, 1971-1972	box 1	folder 6