



## Guide to the Marzette Lewis Papers

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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>	Lewis, Marzette, 1940-
<b>Title:</b>	Marzette Lewis Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00621
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1970 to 2011
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1988 to 2009
<b>Physical Description:</b>	8.76 Cubic Feet (24 boxes)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	9.79 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Marzette Lewis Papers (1970-2011) reflect Lewis' extensive history of activism in the Las Vegas, Nevada community regarding the education standards of the Clark County School District (CCSD), and her work to fight discrimination within the district. The bulk of material dates from 1988 to 2009. It contains correspondence, Clark County School District (CCSD) zoning information, CCSD agendas, information on Lewis' two organizations, Westside Action Alliance Korps (W.A.A.K- U.P.) and Concerned Citizens, and video and audio recordings.

### Preferred Citation

Marzette Lewis Papers, 1970-2011, MS-00621. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Educational rights activist Marzette Lewis was born in 1940 in Quitman, Mississippi. She first visited Las Vegas, Nevada in 1953. She moved to Las Vegas permanently in 1960. Lewis is best known for her educational activism in Nevada. She opposed the local Clark County School District in order to gain better education opportunities for the families and children of the district and to end racial and economic discrimination faced by students and employees of the district.

Lewis coordinated her efforts by creating two organizations, Westside Action Alliance Korps- Uplifting People (W.A.A.K-U.P) and Concerned Citizens. She was the president of both organizations. Additionally Lewis was a member of the NAACP Board of Directors, a member of the Foster Parents of Southern Nevada Association, and a part of the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission for Clark County (AZAC).

Lewis is also responsible for creating the first magnet elementary school in Las Vegas, Nevada. As of 2014 Lewis is still a very active member of the Las Vegas community and is concerned with providing equal and quality education to children, especially those in poor communities.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research, with the exception of materials that are restricted to protect personally identifiable information. Restrictions are noted at the file level of this inventory and will be open for research use January 1, 2074.

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## Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2013 by Marzette Lewis, accession number: 2013-004.

## Processing Note

In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Hana Gutierrez created the collection description in compliance with current professional standards. In 2016 Joyce Moore updated and enhanced the collection and entered it into ArchivesSpace.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection;

Lewis, Marzette. Interview, 2012 October 30. OH-01113. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

### Separated Materials

Some of the photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in the Marzette Lewis Photographs, 1972-1992. PH-00372. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Community activists -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Education and state -- Nevada
- Clark County School District (Nev.)

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
<i>Black Steps in the Desert Sands: A Chronicle of African-American involvement in the Growth of Las Vegas, Nevada</i> book, 1999	box 01	
70th Session of BDR List, 1997-1998	box 01	folder 01
Alliance to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, approximately 1988 to 1999	box 01	folder 02
Application for Recognition for Exemption, 1993, 1995	box 01	folder 03
Attendance Zone Advisory Commission (AZAC), approximately 1990 to 1999	box 01	folder 04
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<i>Las Vegas Sun</i> news articles, 1994-2003	box 08	folder 03
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