



Guide to the Lincy Institute "Perspectives from the COVID-19 Pandemic" Oral History Project

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	The Lincy Institute "Perspectives from the COVID-19 Pandemic" Oral History Project contains transcribed interviews with Nevada leaders, interviewed for their perspective and experiences leading during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. These individuals include policymakers and elected officials, as well as leaders of government agencies, community organizations, businesses, and K-12 and higher education institutions.

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Historical Background

The COVID-19 pandemic decimated the Nevada economy, taxed limited state government infrastructure, and overwhelmed public health and safety services. Nevada endured a nation-leading peak unemployment rate of 28.2 percent in April 2020, and the Las Vegas, Henderson, Paradise, Nevada metropolitan statistical area (MSA), home to more than 75 percent of the state population, struggled with a 33.5 percent unemployment rate. In addition to the public health crisis that took the lives of over 12,000 Nevadans, severe social and economic dislocations

hindered the ability of businesses, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations to address the many needs of families and individuals. Moreover, the unprecedented influx of nearly \$19 billion in federal relief funding in Nevada required the real-time, coordinated response of state and local government agencies to respond to the crisis. To document the perspectives and experiences of Nevada leaders as they navigated the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic better understand the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and to enhance the ability of officials to respond and collaborate when faced with future crises, a team of researchers at The Lincy Institute conducted 81 interviews with Nevada leaders from 2021-2024.

Source:

The Lincy Institute "Beyond Crisis: The Covid-19 Pandemic in Nevada" research brief.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Lincy Institute "Perspectives from the COVID-19 Pandemic" Oral History Project contains transcribed interviews with Nevada leaders, interviewed for their perspective and experiences leading during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. These individuals include policymakers and elected officials, as well as leaders of government agencies, community organizations, businesses, and K-12 and higher education institutions. Interviewees share invaluable knowledge and experiences that can contribute to better governance, improve coordination, and strengthen support networks to enhance the well-being of all Nevadans. Many individuals share insights into how Nevadans continue to be transformed by the COVID-19 pandemic and offer lessons in leadership and collaboration in times of crisis. The collection also contains a PDF presentation given at Greenspun Hall in April 2024.

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Arrangement

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2024 by David Damore, Executive Director of The Lincy Institute; accession number 2024-030.

Processing Note

In 2024, Sarah Jones created the collection-level finding aid. This collection is minimally processed. Additional information about interviews will be available as the collection is processed.

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- COVID-19 Pandemic, 2020-
- State governments -- Officials and employees
- Businesspeople
- Nevada
- Economics -- Nevada

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Business	

<p>Carlos Gomez (Latin Chamber of Commerce) oral history interview conducted by Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2023 January 27</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Peter Guzman (Latin Chamber of Commerce) oral history interview conducted by John Hudak, 2022 January 14</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Bethany Khan, Ken Liu, and Zachary Poppel (Culinary Union) oral history interview conducted by Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 December 13</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Tony Sanchez (NV Energy) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2023 July 20</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Virginia Valentine (Nevada Resorts Association) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and John Hudak, 2022 May 02</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Tina Quigley and Perry Ussum (Las Vegas Global Economic Association) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 December 19</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Mike Kazmierski (Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 December 01</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Paul Moradhan (Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Kristian Thymianos, 2022 April 18</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Katherine Neddenriep (Elko Convention and Visitors Authority) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 July 13</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Jeff Reiman (The Broadband Group) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 December 12</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Layke Martin Conine (Nevada Cannabis Association) oral history interview conducted by John Hudak and Kristian Thymianos, 2022 May 03</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Ric Anderson (Las Vegas Sun) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 May 25</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Jon Ralston (Nevada Independent) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Kristian Thymianos, 2022 February 24</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>

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Christine Hess (Nevada Housing Coalition) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Saha Salahi, 2022 March 31 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Vera Moore (True Beginnings/Divinity House) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 November 07 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Janet Quintero (United Way) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 November 14 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Julie Murray (Moonridge Group) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 September 15 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Punam Mathur (Elaine Wynn Foundation) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 October 06 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Tamika Shauntee (American Civil Liberties Union) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 February 17 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Michelle Merced (Neighborhood Housing Services of Nevada) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 April 21 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Jamie Ross (PACT Coalition for Safe and Drug-free Community) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 March 21 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Ariana Saunders (The Corporation for Supportive Housing) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 June 08 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Sondra Cosgrove (Vote Nevada) oral history interview conducted by Magalena Martinez and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2023 January 20 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Duy Ngyuen (Asian Community Development Council) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 January 14 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Julian Escutia-Rodriguez (Mexican Consulate of Las Vegas) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 May 16	digital file 00

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Stacy Smith and Sofia Allison (Nye Communities Coalition) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 April 13	digital file 00
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Jim Murren (Nevada COVID-19 Task Force) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Kelliann Beavers, 2023 February 21	digital file 00
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Liz Ortenburger (SafeNest) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 November 11	digital file 00
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Education	
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Jana Wilcox Lavin (Opportunity 180) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 April 19	digital file 00
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Clayton Anderson (Elko County School District) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 October 06	digital file 00
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Brian Sandoval (University of Nevada, Reno) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 October 10	digital file 00
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Joyce Helens (Great Basin College) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 October 12	digital file 00

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Kirsten Searer (Nevada Public Education Foundation) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Taylor Cummings, 2022 October 17	digital file 00
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Elected officials

Hilary Shieve (City of Reno, Mayor) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 September 21	digital file 00
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Dina Neal (Nevada Legislature, Senator) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Makada Henry-Nickie, 2022 February 04	digital file 00
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Selena Torres (Nevada Legislature, Assemblywoman) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 July 05	digital file 00
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Irene Cepeda (Clark County School District Trustee) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 July 11 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Edgar Flores (Nevada Legislature, Assemblyman) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Facundo Bentancourt, 2022 July 12 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Michelle Fiore (City of Las Vegas Councilwoman) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 July 28 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
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Olivia Diaz (City of Las Vegas Councilwoman) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 August 02 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Isaac Barron (City of North Las Vegas Councilman) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 August 05 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Marilyn Kirkpatrick (Clark County Commissioner) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 August 18 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Cedric Crear (City of Las Vegas Councilman) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 August 28 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Alexis Hill (Washoe County Commissioner) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 September 01 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Tick Segerblom (Clark County Commissioner) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Taylor Cummnings, 2022 September 06 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Lisa Levine (University of Nevada Regent) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 July 14 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
Felicia Ortiz (Nevada Department of Education) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Kelliann Beavers, 2022 January 13 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)	digital file 00
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Richard Derrick (City of Henderson, City Manager) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 July 28	digital file 00
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Tim Burch (Human Services Clark County) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 May 06	digital file 00
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Lisa Corrado (City of Henderson, Community Development) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Kristian Thymianos, 2022 May 11	digital file 00
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Ryan Turner (City of Henderson, Emergency Manager) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 August 08	

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Julia Ratti (Washoe County Health District) oral history interview
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"How COVID-19 Changed Us: Compassion, Leadership, and Policy"
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