



## Guide to the William R. Wells oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with William Wells conducted by David Emerson on May 22, 2006 for the UNLV @ 50 Oral History Project. In this interview, William Wells, the first dean of engineering at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), describes moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1986 to join UNLV. He also describes building the engineering departments, obtaining accreditation, recruiting, salaries, and faculty turnover. He then talks about diversity in the department, the successes of UNLV engineering graduates, and attracting minority groups to engineering.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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successes of UNLV engineering graduates, and attracting minority groups to engineering. Digital audio and transcript available.

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### Bound Transcript Available

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## Names and Subjects

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- Las Vegas (Nev.)

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- Engineering teachers
- Deans (Education) -- United States
- Education, Higher -- Administration
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas