



## Guide to the Casiano Corpus Jr. oral history interview

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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>	Corpus, Casiano, Jr., 1964-
<b>Contributor:</b>	Reflections: the Las Vegas Asian American and Pacific Islander Oral History Project
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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Labor union locals -- Nevada
- Philippines
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Culinary Workers Union Local 226