



## Guide to the Moises 'Mo' Denis 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>	Denis, Mo (Moises)
<b>Contributor:</b>	Latinx Voices of Southern Nevada Oral History Project
<b>Title:</b>	Moises 'Mo' Denis oral history interview
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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Moises 'Mo' Denis conducted by Marcela Rodriguez-Campo on January 11, 2019 for the Latinx Voices of Southern Nevada Oral History Project. In this interview, Denis discusses his upbringing in Brooklyn, New York and how his parents emigrated from Cuba. He recalls moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1967, his parents' employment at the Sands Hotel and Casino, and converting from Catholicism to Mormonism. Denis talks about the formation of a Spanish-language Church of Latter-Day Saints in Las Vegas, his missionary work in Uruguay, and describes what it felt like to return to the United States. Later, Denis discusses his involvement in public services, his efforts to elect more Latinx politicians in Nevada, and being appointed as an assemblyman for the Nevada Legislature. He talks about his focus on education issues, supporting English language learners, and immigration reform at the national level. Lastly, Dennis describes the Hispanic Caucus and becoming Nevada State Senator for District 2.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Latinxs
- Cuban Americans
- Legislators -- Nevada
- Education
- Politicians
- Mormon Church
- English language -- Study and teaching -- Foreign speakers
- Emigration and immigration law