



## Guide to the Luis F. Valera III 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>	Valera, Luis F., 1974-
<b>Contributor:</b>	Latinx Voices of Southern Nevada Oral History Project
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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Luis F. Valera III conducted by Nathalie Martinez and Laurents Bañuelos-Benítez on January 23, 2019 for the Latinx Voices of Southern Nevada Oral History Project. In this interview, Valera discusses his family background and explains the story of his parent's immigration to the United States. He talks about bilingual language challenges while transitioning from school in Caracas, Venezuela and moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1994. Valera then describes being raised in both Cuban and Venezuelan cultures, describes their similarities, and his experience of not being welcomed into the student organization Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA). He recalls his college career, his decision to get into politics, and pursuing a degree in law. Later, Valera discusses his role as vice president of Student Organization for Latinos, and talks about being elected as the University of Las Vegas, Nevada (UNLV) student body Vice President. Lastly, Valera describes his position as Vice President of Government Affairs for UNLV.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Latinxs
- Cuban Americans
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Emigration and immigration
- Manners and customs
- Spanish language
- Venezuelan Americans
- Student Organization of Latinos
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas