



## Guide to the Mayra Salinas-Menjivar oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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## Scope and Contents Note

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Latinxs
- El Salvador
- Salvadorans
- Education
- Women lawyers
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Civil war
- Emigration and immigration law