



## Guide to the Emilia Marquez oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Marquez, Emilia   |
| <b>Contributor:</b>              | Latinx Voices of Southern Nevada Oral History Project   |
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| <b>Abstract:</b>                 | Oral history interview with Emilia Marquez conducted by Maribel Estrada Calderón on July 5, 2019 for the Latinx Voices of Southern Nevada Oral History Project. Claytee D. White and Emily Lucile are also present during the interview. Emilia Marquez was born in the United States and raised in Alexandria, Virginia, where her father worked as a bricklayer, until the age of twelve, when her father decided to move the family back to Uruguay. She describes acclimating to her new life in middle school and her shift from being perceived as an outsider in Uruguay to accepting Uruguay as home. She describes life in Uruguay and the positions that her family held while living there. After meeting and marrying her husband they trained to work in a casino. She trained as a slot machine operator, and her husband trained as a dealer. This eventually led them to leave Uruguay for the U.S. After the encouragement of her father and mother, she moved with her mother to Las Vegas to work in the casino industry. She describes working as a change person at the Luxor before moving to the newly opened Palms, where she worked until she left it to work at the Wynn. She ends the interview talking about various Uruguayan dishes and traditions, and a brief history of Uruguay. Subjects discussed in this interview: Uruguay, immigration, Las Vegas Strip, Latinx, Luxor. |

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Latinxs
- Uruguayans
- Casinos -- Employees
- Emigration and immigration
- Las Vegas (Nev.)