



## Guide to the Kaku Makino and Jule Kano 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>	Makino, Kaku, 1943-
<b>Creator:</b>	Kano, Julie, 1957-
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## Scope and Contents Note

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Japanese
- Restaurants