



## Guide to the Michelle DiTondo oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Michelle DiTondo conducted by Vanessa Concepcion on November 9, 2021 for Reflections: The Las Vegas Asian American and Pacific Islander Oral History Project. Michelle talks about her parents' experiences living in Osaka, Japan during the war, and the circumstances of her move as a child to Nellis Air Force base in 1972. She discusses living in North Las Vegas and her experiences being part of an air force family. Michelle shares stories of her life on the base and her interactions with other air force families. She also talks about her Japanese culture, foods she has cooked with her mother and brother, celebrating cultural events in light of the pandemic, and her career history including her most recent role working at MGM Resorts International. Subjects discussed include: Air Force Base; NCO Club; AAPI Scholarship Fund; Taiko Drums.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Japanese
- Japanese Americans
- Osaka (Japan)
- Kyoto (Japan)
- Okinawa-shi (Japan)
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- North Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Nellis Air Force Base (Nev.)
- Las Vegas Air Force Base (Nev.)
- Family histories
- War
- Emigration and immigration
- Manners and customs
- Kimonos
- Hospitality industry
- COVID-19 Pandemic, 2020-
- MGM Resorts International
- Flamingo Hotel & Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Caesars Palace Las Vegas Hotel and Casino