



Guide to the Charmaine Lai oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents Note

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family's cooking and traditions, and the negatives including the discrimination she faced in school and in her work. Charmaine also talks about her immigration to the United States, raising her three children, and her work as a real estate agent. Digital audio available; no transcript available.

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- South Africa
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Hakka (Chinese people)
- Discrimination
- Race discrimination

- Immigrants
- Emigration and immigration
- Immigrants -- Cultural assimilation
- Family life
- Education
- Podiatry
- Chinese
- Pharmacists
- Afrikaans language