



## Guide to the Christian Chan oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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## Scope and Contents Note

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Oral history interview with Christian Chan conducted by Cecilia Winchell, Jerwin Tiu, and Stefani Evans on May 06, 2022 for the Reflections: the Las Vegas Asian American and Pacific Islander Oral History Project. In this interview, Chan begins by describing her childhood in Hong Kong and later moving to San Francisco, California with her family. Chan and her family moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1965 where her father briefly worked as a cook at Aku Aku before working as a dealer. Chan recalls attending Sunrise Acres and Roy Martin Middle School before graduating from Valley High School as valedictorian. In college, Chan attended the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) and graduated with a degree in engineering. After college, she found work in the Las Vegas Valley Water District and became the first woman engineer. During her five years there, she encountered subtle sexism for the first time. Chan continues the interview by describing her work while she lived in California, as well as her years internationally living in the Philippines as well as Ecuador. Throughout the interview, Chan touches on topics ranging from identity, to her impressions of the different generations, discrimination, and the growth of Las Vegas. Digital audio and transcript available.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Engineering
- Identity (Philosophical concept)
- Discrimination