



## Guide to the Christian Giovanni oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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<b>Contributor:</b>	Reflections: the Las Vegas Asian American and Pacific Islander Oral History Project
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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Christian Giovanni conducted by Cecilia Winchell, Jerwin Tiu, and Stefani Evans on May 17, 2022 for the Reflections: the Las Vegas Asian American and Pacific Islander Oral History Project. In this interview, Giovanni describes her early life being born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. She discusses her mother, Oywan, who first worked for the casinos before turning her focus to community building. Throughout Oywan's life, she did everything from start the first temple in the city to the first Thai newspaper, <i>Las Vegas News</i> . Giovanni mentions having what she considers a normal childhood, especially because of her more Western appearance, and did not embrace her AAPI identity until much later in life after she started helping her mother with different organizations. Currently, Giovanni is involved in many organizations, from the AAPI County Commission to the Thai Culture Foundation.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Buddhism
- Asian Americans -- Ethnic identity
- Las Vegas News (Thai newspaper)