



Guide to the Juanita Fain oral history interview

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Scope and Contents Note

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recalls her childhood in Newark, New Jersey and earning a doctorate degree in Higher Education administration from The Ohio State University. After she was hired by Carol Harter at Ohio State in 1980 as Director of Financial Aid, she came to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) in 1996 as Dean of Enrollment and Management. After various positions, she became Vice President of Student Affairs and in 2021, Interim Chief Diversity Officer was added to her responsibilities. One of Fain's many tasks over the years was overseeing one of the most prolific building booms on the UNLV campus. The building that set the high architectural standard for the university was Lied Library. Her level headedness and keen negotiation skills are personified in the building's very existence. Fain will retire in 2023 after serving her final year as a Special Liaison to President Whitfield. Digital audio available; digital transcript available.

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