



Guide to the Lincy Institute "Perspectives from the COVID-19 Pandemic" Oral History Project

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Summary Information

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Historical Background

The COVID-19 pandemic decimated the Nevada economy, taxed limited state government infrastructure, and overwhelmed public health and safety services. Nevada endured a nation-leading peak unemployment rate of 28.2 percent in April 2020, and the Las Vegas, Henderson, Paradise, Nevada metropolitan statistical area (MSA), home to more than 75 percent of the state population, struggled with a 33.5 percent unemployment rate. In addition to the public health crisis that took the lives of over 12,000 Nevadans, severe social and economic dislocations

hindered the ability of businesses, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations to address the many needs of families and individuals. Moreover, the unprecedented influx of nearly \$19 billion in federal relief funding in Nevada required the real-time, coordinated response of state and local government agencies to respond to the crisis. To document the perspectives and experiences of Nevada leaders as they navigated the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic better understand the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and to enhance the ability of officials to respond and collaborate when faced with future crises, a team of researchers at The Lincy Institute conducted 81 interviews with Nevada leaders from 2021-2024.

Source:

The Lincy Institute "Beyond Crisis: The Covid-19 Pandemic in Nevada" research brief.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Lincy Institute "Perspectives from the COVID-19 Pandemic" Oral History Project contains transcribed interviews with Nevada leaders, interviewed for their perspective and experiences leading during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. These individuals include policymakers and elected officials, as well as leaders of government agencies, community organizations, businesses, and K-12 and higher education institutions. Interviewees share invaluable knowledge and experiences that can contribute to better governance, improve coordination, and strengthen support networks to enhance the well-being of all Nevadans. Many individuals share insights into how Nevadans continue to be transformed by the COVID-19 pandemic and offer lessons in leadership and collaboration in times of crisis. The collection also contains a PDF presentation given at Greenspun Hall in April 2024.

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Arrangement

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Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2024 by David Damore, Executive Director of The Lincy Institute; accession number 2024-030.

Processing Note

In 2024, Sarah Jones created the collection-level finding aid. This collection is minimally processed. Additional information about interviews will be available as the collection is processed.

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- COVID-19 Pandemic, 2020-
- State governments -- Officials and employees
- Businesspeople
- Nevada
- Economics -- Nevada

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
"How COVID-19 Changed Us: Compassion, Leadership, and Policy" presentation in Greenspun Hall, 2024 April 02 (view online)	digital file 00

Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)

Business interviews	
<p>Carlos Gomez (Latin Chamber of Commerce) oral history interview conducted by Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2023 January 27 (MS_01178_001) (view online)</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	digital file 00
<p>Peter Guzman (Latin Chamber of Commerce) oral history interview conducted by John Hudak, 2022 January 14 (MS_01178_002) (view online)</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	digital file 00
<p>Bethany Khan, Ken Liu, and Zachary Poppel (Culinary Union) oral history interview conducted by Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 December 13 (MS_01178_003) (view online)</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	digital file 00
<p>Tony Sanchez (NV Energy) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2023 July 20 (MS_01178_004) (view online)</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	digital file 00
<p>Virginia Valentine (Nevada Resorts Association) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and John Hudak, 2022 May 02 (MS_01178_005) (view online)</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	digital file 00
<p>Tina Quigley and Perry Ursem (Las Vegas Global Economic Association) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 December 19 (MS_01178_006) (view online)</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	digital file 00
<p>Mike Kazmierski (Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 December 01 (MS_01178_007) (view online)</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	digital file 00
<p>Jon Ralston (Nevada Independent) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Kristian Thymianos, 2022 February 24 (MS_01178_008) (view online)</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	digital file 00
<p>Katherine Neddenriep (Elko Convention and Visitors Authority) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 July 13 (MS_01178_009) (view online)</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	digital file 00
<p>Jeff Reiman (The Broadband Group) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 December 12 (MS_01178_010) (view online)</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (PDF/A)</p>	digital file 00
<p>Layke Martin Conine (Nevada Cannabis Association) oral history interview conducted by John Hudak and Kristian Thymianos, 2022 May 03 (MS_01178_011) (view online)</p>	digital file 00

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Ric Anderson (Las Vegas Sun) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 May 25 (MS_01178_012) (view online)	digital file 00
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Paul Moradhan (Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Kristian Thymianos, 2022 April 18	digital file 00
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Community organization interviews	
Christine Hess (Nevada Housing Coalition) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Saha Salahi, 2022 March 31 (MS_01178_013) (view online)	digital file 00
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Vera Moore (True Beginnings/Divinity House) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 November 07 (MS_01178_014) (view online)	digital file 00
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Jamie Ross (PACT Coalition for Safe and Drug-free Community) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 March 21 (MS_01178_020) (view online)	digital file 00
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Ariana Saunders (The Corporation for Supportive Housing) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 June 08 (MS_01178_021) (view online)	digital file 00

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Duy Ngyuen (Asian Community Development Council) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 January 14 (MS_01178_023) (view online)	digital file 00
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Julian Escutia-Rodriguez (Mexican Consulate of Las Vegas) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 May 16 (MS_01178_024) (view online)	digital file 00
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Stacy Smith and Sofia Allison (Nye Communities Coalition) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 April 13 (MS_01178_026) (view online)	digital file 00
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Jim Murren (Nevada COVID-19 Task Force) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Kelliann Beavers, 2023 February 21 (MS_01178_027) (view online)	digital file 00
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Tim Veenstra (Nevada Hand) oral history interview conducted by Makada Henry-Nickie and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 April 01	digital file 00
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Education sector interviews

Keith Whitfield (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Taylor Cummings, 2022 October 11 (MS_01178_028) (view online)	digital file 00
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Clayton Anderson (Elko County School District) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 October 06 (MS_01178_032) (view online)	digital file 00
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Brian Sandoval (University of Nevada, Reno) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 October 10 (MS_01178_033) (view online)	digital file 00
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Joyce Helens and Sonja Sibert (Great Basin College) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 October 12 (MS_01178_034) (view online)	digital file 00
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Kellie Kowal-Paul (Clark County School District) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 October 13 (MS_01178_035) (view online)	digital file 00
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Federico Zaragoza (College of Southern Nevada) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 October 21 (MS_01178_036) (view online)	digital file 00
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DeRionne P. Pollard (Nevada State University) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Taylor Cummings, 2022 October 13 (MS_01178_037) (view online)	digital file 00
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Jesus Jara (Clark County School District, Superintendent) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 September 27 (MS_01178_038) (view online)	digital file 00
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Jhone Ebert (Department of Education) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 November 01 (MS_01178_039) (view online)	digital file 00
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John Vellardita (Clark County Education Association) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 April 12 (MS_01178_040) (view online)	digital file 00
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Brenda Pearson (Clark County Education Association) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Peter Grema, 2022 March 01 (MS_01178_041) (view online)	digital file 00
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Kirsten Searer (Nevada Public Education Foundation) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Taylor Cummings, 2022 October 17 (MS_01178_042) (view online)	digital file 00
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Hilary Shieve (City of Reno, Mayor) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 September 21 (MS_01178_043) ([view online](#)) digital file 00

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Dina Neal (Nevada Legislature, Senator) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Makada Henry-Nickie, 2022 February 04 (MS_01178_044) ([view online](#)) digital file 00

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Selena Torres (Nevada Legislature, Assemblywoman) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 July 05 (MS_01178_045) ([view online](#)) digital file 00

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Irene Cepeda (Clark County School District Trustee) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 July 11 (MS_01178_046) ([view online](#)) digital file 00

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Edgar Flores (Nevada Legislature, Assemblyman) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Facundo Bentancourt, 2022 July 12 (MS_01178_047) ([view online](#)) digital file 00

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Michelle Fiore (City of Las Vegas Councilwoman) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 July 28 (MS_01178_048) ([view online](#)) digital file 00

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Mo Denis (Nevada Legislature, Senator) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 July 28 (MS_01178_049) ([view online](#)) digital file 00

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Olivia Diaz (City of Las Vegas Councilwoman) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 August 02 (MS_01178_050) ([view online](#)) digital file 00

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Isaac Barron (City of North Las Vegas Councilman) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 August 05 (MS_01178_051) ([view online](#)) digital file 00

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Marilyn Kirkpatrick (Clark County Commisioner) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 August 18 (MS_01178_052) ([view online](#)) digital file 00

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Cedric Crear (City of Las Vegas Councilman) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 August 28 (MS_01178_053) ([view online](#)) digital file 00

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Alexis Hill (Washoe County Commisioner) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 September 01 (MS_01178_054) (view online)	digital file 00
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Tick Segerblom (Clark County Commisioner) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Taylor Cummnings, 2022 September 06 (MS_01178_055) (view online)	digital file 00
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Lisa Levine (University of Nevada Regent) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 July 14 (MS_01178_056) (view online)	digital file 00
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Felicia Ortiz (Nevada Department of Education) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez and Kelliann Beavers, 2022 January 13 (MS_01178_057) (view online)	digital file 00
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Evelyn Garcia-Morales (Clark County School Trustee) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2022 December 14 (MS_01178_058) (view online)	digital file 00
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Debra March (and Ryan Turner) (City of Henderon, Mayor) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 August 08 (MS_01178_059) (view online)	digital file 00
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Laura Perkins (University of Nevada Regent) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2023 July 03 (MS_01178_060) (view online)	digital file 00
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Steve Sisolak (Nevada Governor) oral history interview conducted by Magdalena Martinez, 2024 February 22 (MS_01178_061) (view online)	digital file 00
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Brian Knudsen (City of Las Vegas Councilman) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2024 February 27 (MS_01178_062) (view online)	digital file 00
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Government agency interviews

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Eric Brown (Washoe, County Manager) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 July 14 (MS_01178_064) (view online)	digital file 00
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Ryan Juden (City of North Las Vegas, City Manager) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 July 14 (MS_01178_065) (view online)	digital file 00
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Taylor Tedder (Boulder City, City Manager) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 July 20 (MS_01178_066) (view online)	digital file 00
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Michael Brown (Governor's Office of Economic Development) conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2023 July 26 (MS_01178_068) (view online)	digital file 00
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Kelly Echeverria (Washoe County) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 September 22 (MS_01178_069) (view online)	digital file 00
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Lisa Corrado (City of Henderson, Community Development) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Kristian Thymianos, 2022 May 11 (MS_01178_070) (view online)	digital file 00
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Ryan Turner (City of Henderson, Emergency Manager) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 August 08 (MS_01178_071) (view online)	digital file 00
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Julia Ratti (Washoe County Health District) oral history interview conducted by Kellian Beavers and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 October 03 (MS_01178_072) (view online)	digital file 00
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Tim Burch (Human Services Clark County) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers and Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio, 2022 May 06	digital file 00
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Richard Derrick (City of Henderson, City Manager) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 July 28	digital file 00
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Billy Samuels (Clark County Emergency Manager) oral history interview conducted by Kelliann Beavers, 2022 September 08	digital file 00
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