



## Guide to the Ruby Duncan oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Duncan, Ruby, 1932-
<b>Contributor:</b>	African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project
<b>Title:</b>	Ruby Duncan oral history interview
<b>ID:</b>	OH-00501
<b>Date:</b>	2007 February 13
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5 Digital Files (0.193 GB) MP3, PDF/A
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Ruby Duncan conducted by Claytee D. White on February 13, 2007 for the African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project. Duncan discusses growing up and working in Las Vegas, Nevada. She also discusses how she became the leader of the Las Vegas Welfare Rights Movement by protesting the way Nevada cared for its poor families. Duncan then discusses instituting the first library on the Westside, lobbying the legislature, and traveling the world on behalf of women's rights.

### Preferred Citation Note

Ruby Duncan oral history interview, 2007 February 13. OH-00501. [Cite format consulted: Audio recording or Transcript.] Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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Oral history interview with Ruby Duncan conducted by Claytee D. White on February 13, 2007 for the African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project. Duncan discusses growing up and working in Las Vegas, Nevada. She also discusses a disability she got in an accident in the kitchen of a Las Vegas Strip property, and how she became the leader of the Las Vegas Welfare Rights Movement by protesting the way Nevada cared for its poor families. Duncan

then discusses instituting the first library on the Westside, lobbying the legislature, and traveling the world on behalf of women's rights. Digital audio and transcript available.

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## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition Note

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### Processing Note

Interview materials were processed by UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in 2017. Nia Banks wrote the collection description. The audio cassette(s) for this interview have been reformatted by an external vendor into a digital format. MP3 files of the audio are available for research use.

### Bound Transcript Availability

A bound transcript is available for use in UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives:  
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## Names and Subjects

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- Oral histories (document genres)
- Women social reformers -- Nevada

- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- African American women -- Nevada -- Clark County
- Welfare rights movement -- Nevada
- Operation Life Community Development Corporation (Las Vegas, Nev.)