



Guide to the Dr. Javier A. Rodríguez oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents Note

Oral history interview with Dr. Javier A. Rodríguez conducted by Elsa Lopez and Barbara Tabach on December 19, 2019 for the Latinx Voices of Southern Nevada Oral History Project. Dr. Javier Rodriguez, Biology Professor at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, talks of his personal and educational history that led him to UNLV. He discusses his migration from Puerto Rico to California where he received his PhD from the University of California Berkley and became a biological museum curator for various animal specimens. He later moved to Las Vegas to teach at UNLV where he has now been for nearly two decades; Dr. Rodriguez shares how UNLV has changed since he first started working here, including the university's increased interest in faculty research to become a Top Tier institution. Digital audio available; digital transcript available.

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