

Guide to the records of the Southwest Oral History Association Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Southwest Oral History Association
Title:	Southwest Oral History Association Records
ID:	MS-00559
Date [inclusive]:	1981-2015
Physical Description:	6.70 Linear Feet (16 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The records chronicle the Southwest Oral History Association (SOHA) from its founding in 1981 until the present. Included are agendas, executive board and general meeting minutes, projects, financial records, correspondence, photographs, and yearly conference information.

Preferred Citation Note

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Historical Note

The Southwest Oral History Association (SOHA) was founded in 1981 to serve practitioners of oral history in Arizona, Southern California, Nevada, New Mexico and contiguous areas. Through publications, meetings, workshops and other activities, SOHA supports and promotes oral history as a method for exploring and recording history, culture and current experiences in the American Southwest. In this endeavor, the association cooperates with other organizations and institutions in the region, and maintains close ties with the national Oral History Association. Members of SOHA provide meaningful opportunities for participation in the exchange of information and the discussion of matters of common concern among those interested in oral history throughout the Southwest.

SOHA's membership includes professional oral historians, public historians, students, teachers, genealogists, family historians, volunteer interviewers, archivists, librarians and other individuals interested in oral history. Institutional members include oral history programs, universities, libraries, archives, historical societies and museums.

SOHA holds an annual conference every spring in alternating states, including conference sessions on topics of both general and professional interest, introductory and advanced workshops, the annual business meeting and election of officers.

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Scope and Contents Note

The records of the Southwest Oral History Association (SOHA) chronicle the organizations activities from 1981 until the present. Material documents executive board and general membership meetings, projects, and conferences. It includes correspondence, newsletters, financial records, awards, yearly directories, and photographs.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged in roughly chronological order.

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Administrative Information

Access

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Acquisition Note

In 2009 material dating from 1981 through 2001 was transferred to the Special Collections Department, Lied Library, University of Nevada, Las Vegas by Rose Dias from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico; accession number 2009-21. Since 2009, material has been given directly

to Special Collections, Lied Library by the outgoing SOHA president. All materials are a gift of the association. of the Southwest Oral History Association.

Accrual Notes

Every July Special Collections receives the outgoing officers records from the previous year. These donations are ongoing.

Processing Note

Material was processed by Joyce Moore in the years 2009 through 2014. In 2014 as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Joyce Moore revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2016 Joyce Moore added material from 2015 and one box of miscellaneous materials from previous years 2016.

Revision Description

The finding aid was revised by Joyce Moore in 2014 to bring it into compliance with DACS. August 2014

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Names and Subjects

- Family histories
- Oral history -- Nevada
- History -- Las Vegas -- Nevada

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