Guide to the Patrick W. Carlton Papers on the Oral History of the Public School Principalship Project

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Summary Information

Creator: Carlton, Patrick
Title: Patrick W. Carlton Papers on the Oral History of the Public School Principalship Project
ID: MS-00829
Date [inclusive]: 1982-2011
Physical Description: 5.36 Cubic Feet (13 boxes)
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The collection is comprised of University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) professor, Dr. Patrick W. Carlton's, research files dating from 1982 to 2011 in the "Oral History of the Public School Principalship" Project. The papers include research files about principals in Las Vegas, Nevada and Superintendents on the Clark County School District.

Preferred Citation

Biographical Note

Dr. Patrick W. Carlton has been a professor of Educational Leadership since 2000 at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). Before coming to UNLV Dr. Carlton worked at Virginia Tech, the University of the Pacific, New York University, and at the U.S. Office of Education. Dr. Carlton earned his Masters in Education and Masters in History from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania and he earned his Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of North Carolina. Dr. Carlton specializes in higher education and public school infrastructure development and administrative applications implementation.

Since 2000 Dr. Carlton worked on the "Oral History of the Public School Principalship Project", a nationwide effort to collect oral histories from public school principals. Under the Department of Educational Leadership at UNLV Dr. Carlton and graduate students worked to collect oral histories from principals in the state of Nevada. The original project was started in 1986 at Virginia Tech when Dr. Carlton
was exposed to the oral history efforts at the U.S. Army Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Dr. Carlton met with Dr. Roland Barth of Harvard University and both agreed that there was a need for in depth research into professional education, especially the position of school principals. Both Dr. Carlton and Dr. Barth recognized that principals do not often record their personal experiences and decided that an oral history project would be the best way to capture this information. The project was started in 1986 at Virginia Tech and continues as of 2017.


| Chronology | Co-director of the Executive Leadership Program and Professor of Educational Leadership, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
| 2000-Present | Associate Professor of Educational Administration, Virginia Tech
| 1999-2000 | Director for International Education, University Office of International Programs, Virginia Tech
| 1996-1999 | Associate Professor of Educational Administration, Virginia Tech
| 1974-1996 | Director, Office of Sponsored Programs and Research and Director, Extended Education, University of the Pacific, Stockton, California
| 1971-1973 | Director, Office of Educational Research Services, New York University School of Education
| 1969-1971 | Educational Programs Specialist (Administration) U.S. Office of Education, Bureau of Education Professions Development, Bureau of Educational Personal Development
| 1967-1969 |

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**Scope and Contents Note**

Papers are comprised of Dr. Patrick W. Carlton's research files about Clark County School District principals and superintendents from 1982 to 2011. The papers were created during Dr. Carlton's work on the "Oral History of the Public School Principalship" project. The documentation focuses on information about Las Vegas principals and oral histories conducted for the project. The collection also includes articles primarily from the *Las Vegas Review Journal* about Clark County Schools superintendents. The materials
provide significant documentation about Las Vegas principals and superintendents. The materials also provide information about the Clark County School District from the 1980s to the 2000s.

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**Arrangement**

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**Administrative Information**

**Access Note**

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**Acquisition Note**

Materials were donated in 2016 by Patrick Carlton; accession number 2017-005.

**Processing Note**

These records are unprocessed. A rough inventory of the accession was created by Maggie Bukowski in 2017. To prepare the inventory, the described materials were reviewed to create a contents list, estimate dates, and identify material types. No other work has been performed on the materials.

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**Names and Subjects**

- Education – Nevada – Clark County
- Clark County School District (Nev.)
- Public schools -- Clark County -- Nevada
• School principals

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