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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents Note

Oral history interview with Emily Ku conducted by Jerwin Tiu, Cecilia Winchell, and Stefani Evans on December 16, 2022 for Reflections: the Las Vegas Asian American and Pacific Islander Oral History Project. In this interview, Ku describes growing up in a Mandarin-speaking household and celebrating traditional Chinese holidays. Her father was a chemical engineer and did project-based work, which led to their family moving around several times to Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Lake Jackson, Texas; and finally Heidleberg, Germany. Ku recalls her education at the University of California, Berkeley, where she studied political economy of industrial societies and became involved with the United States Department of Commerce during an internship. She recounts moving around several times before settling down in Las Vegas, Nevada, doing remote work as a market analyst before ending up working on the Commission for Minority Affairs. She talks about her experiences there, as well as her current position with the city of Las Vegas as a management analyst. Ku also talks about some of her community involvement, thoughts on personal identity, her favorite foods, and what she hopes to see from the AAPI community in the coming years. Digital audio available; no transcript available.

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- Community activists -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Identity (Philosophical concept)