



### **Claytee D. White**

Claytee D. White is the inaugural director of the Oral History Research Center at UNLV Libraries. In this position, she collects the history of Las Vegas and the surrounding area by gathering memories of events and experiences from long-time residents. Projects include Latinx Voices, Asian American Pacific Islanders, and the ongoing project of the African American Experience in Las Vegas. Claytee has written several book chapters, journal articles, and presented oral history papers at national conferences from Atlanta to Maui.

She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in social work from California State University Los Angeles, a Master of Arts degree in history from the University of Nevada Las Vegas, and engaged in additional graduate work at the College of William and Mary. In 2025 she became a Distinguished Nevadan and was granted an honorary Doctorate Degree in Humane Letters.

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