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Bio:

Mary Palevsky came to Las Vegas from California in 2003 to direct the Nevada Test Site Oral History Project, a federally funded program in UNLV's departments of history and sociology. The project conducted more than 335 hours of interviews with a wide range of individuals affiliated with and impacted by nuclear testing in Nevada between 1951 and 1992. More than 40 UNLV students have been involved in all aspects of the research. The collection of oral history transcripts and related materials are housed in UNLV Lied Library's Department of Special Collections. Mary has lectured nationally and internationally and has written numerous articles on the legacy of the creation of nuclear weapons. The daughter of Manhattan Project scientists, she is the author of *Atomic Fragments: A Daughter's Questions*, (University of California Press 2000). Upon completion of the NTS Oral History Project she will begin writing a book about the Nevada Test Site.

On April 27, 2008 the university will hold an opening reception for the project's website and digital archive from 2:00-4:00 at UNLV's Tam Hall. Forum attendees are invited to attend.

Presentation: The Nevada Test Site Oral History Project at UNLV

Mary Palevsky will discuss the work of the project and the importance of documenting, preserving and making public the diverse and dissenting stories of Cold War nuclear testing in Nevada. It is the goal of the project that people directly involved with the issues on the ground as well as those who know little about the test site, its impacts and importance, will benefit from using the project materials. This presentation will provide information about the archive contents and how to access them.