Gaming Research Fellowships at UNLV University Libraries

Get $4,000 to study gambling in Las Vegas!

The Center for Gaming Research at the University of Nevada Las Vegas (http://gaming.unlv.edu) invites graduate students and academic faculty to apply for month-long residency fellowships. Fellows will spend one month doing research at UNLV Special Collections. Although primarily in English, the holdings include many texts in French, German, and Italian. This, the largest gambling library in the world, spans the 17th to 21st centuries and includes manuscript collections, casino corporate archives, promotional and publicity files, and government publications.

What you get
- A $4,000 stipend to cover housing and expenses
- Desk space in the UNLV Special Collections Reading Room

What you give
- One month’s residency in Las Vegas
- A public lecture relating to your research near the end of your residency
- A brief paper that will be published as part of the Center’s occasional paper series
- Ultimately, a larger publication (article, chapter or book) that showcases your research

Who’s eligible
Both academic faculty and ABD graduate students are encouraged to apply. Applicants primarily represent the fields of history, economics, English, history, sociology, and anthropology, though those from all disciplines with relevant research interests are encouraged to apply. Suggested fields of research include Las Vegas history, the history of gambling, and comparative studies of gambling in literature, history, and society.

Before applying please learn as much as you can about the scope of the collections—priority will be given to applicants who specify collections they plan to use. Visit the Center website for more information about the program, past fellows, and the collections.

How you apply
For the 2009-2010 academic year, please submit the following by July 16, 2010:
1. A cover letter briefly introducing yourself
2. A short (2-4 page) description of the proposed research, with details on secondary research already done and sources to be used at UNLV
3. A full curriculum vitae
4. One letter of recommendation that evaluates your past research and current project
5. For graduate student applicants, a dissertation prospectus or article-length writing sample

Please send all materials (and any questions about the program) to the center’s director, Dr. David G. Schwartz, at dgs@unlv.nevada.edu. Please submit all materials electronically. Paper submissions and those that do not include each of the five above elements will be excluded from consideration. Successful applicants will be notified by August 13, 2010.

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