William R. Eadington, 1946-2013
The gaming industry lost a major figure last month when Bill Eadington, director of the Institute for the Study of Gaming and Commercial Gambling at the University of Nevada, Reno, passed away. We at the Center for Gaming Research are saddened by his passing for both personal and professional reasons: he was a friend and mentor to thousands of people in gaming and academia.

Before Bill’s passing, we were working with him to endow and rename our existing fellowship program in his honor. UNLV Libraries has set up a fund to rename the program the William R. Eadington Gaming Fellows, ensuring that “Eadington fellows” will be studying gambling and keeping his work alive for years to come. To contribute to the fund, please contact Libraries development director Tamara Michel Josserand at (702) 895-2239 or tamara.josserand@unlv.edu.

If you prefer to donate to the fund online, please go to this page and, in the scroll down menu, select “Eadington Fellows.”

New Program: UNLV Gaming Press
Another project that we had worked on with Bill (he was on the editorial board) is getting ready to bear fruit. The UNLV Gaming Press, a collaboration between University Libraries, the Harrah College of Hotel Administration, and the Boyd School of Law, is getting ready to publish its first books. They are: Frontiers in Chance: Explorations in Gambling Studies, an anthology of papers published by the Center for Gaming Research as part of its regular series; a reprint of Gambling and Public Policy: International Perspectives, a 1991 collection of papers from the International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking; and Regulating Internet Gaming: Challenges and Opportunities, a compilation of papers presented at a conference held at the Boyd School of Law last May.

The Press will be an ongoing program that will promote scholarly communication about gambling. All books will be available electronically in all major formats (Kindle, Nook, Kobo, iBook) and in print. They will be for sale in all major retail channels and available for purchase to libraries around the world.

Fellows in Residence
During February, David Hart (West Texas A & M University) completed his residency, delivering a Colloquium talk on his research into historical representations of gambling and probability. Four additional fellows are scheduled to have residencies this academic year.
New Podcasts: David Hart
In February, we added a new podcast: The Gaming Research Colloquium talk by February fellow David J. Hart, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, West Texas A & M University, entitled “An Illegitimate Child: Epilepsy, Gambling, and the Birth of Probability.”

Podcast 49: February 14, 2013
David J. Hart | Listen to the audio file (mp3)

Two Reports on Monthly Nevada Gaming Revenues
The Center released the Nevada Gaming Statistics: December Comparison, which examines revenue trends for Statewide, Las Vegas Strip, Downtown Las Vegas, Boulder Strip, and Washoe County for the month of September for the past eight years. In addition, the Nevada Gaming Statistics: The Last Six Months summary was updated with current information.

Updated reports for 2012
The Center is updating its long-range reports with new 2012 year-end data. Here are the reports that were updated in February:

Nevada Gaming Revenue: Long-Term Trends (2000-2012)
Analysis of the total number of positions, slots, and table games for Nevada casinos from 2000 to the present. Charts include totals for total game categories and breakdowns for blackjack, baccarat, craps, sports books, and poker.

Nevada Gaming Win 2012
Summary of Results from Statewide, Las Vegas Strip, Downtown Las Vegas, Boulder Strip, and Washoe County reporting areas

Nevada Gaming Revenues, 1984-2012
Calendar Year Revenues for Selected Reporting Areas: Statewide, Las Vegas Strip, Downtown Las Vegas, Boulder Strip, and Washoe County

New report: Atlantic City January 2013 Summary
This is the latest in a series of monthly reports recapping the monthly statistical releases from the Division of Gaming Enforcement and providing a level of analysis not provided in the official release

Atlantic City January 2013 Summary
January 2013 and Year to Date Revenue Results

Updated Reports: Monthly Casino Revenues
The following reports were updated in February:

Ohio Casinos: Monthly Revenues
Table and Slot Machine Operating Statistics
Maryland Casinos: Monthly Revenues
Gross Terminal Revenue, Number of Machines, and Win/Unit/Day

Connecticut Tribal Casinos: 2012 Slot Data
Monthly Handle, Win, Promotional and Other Totals

Florida Racinos: Monthly Slot Revenues
Units, Credits In, Promotional Credits, Net Revenues, and Other Metrics

Detroit Casinos: Monthly Statistics
Revenues, Year/Year Change, and Market Share by Casino

15th International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking Call for Papers
The Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming at the University of Nevada, Reno, in partnership with the International Gaming Institute at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, invites paper and symposium submissions for The 15th International Conference on Gambling & Risk Taking, which will be held at Caesars Palace Resort and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, from May 27 to May 31, 2013. For more information about the conference, see: http://gaming.unlv.edu/icgrt.html

Sharing Expertise with the Media
In February, Center Director David G. Schwartz spoke with approximately 40 print, online, radio, and television media contacts. Topics of interest included the expansion of online gaming (bills in Nevada & New Jersey) and tourist safety in Las Vegas.

Getting in Touch
If you are interested in learning more about the Center’s work, discussing how to get involved with supporting the Center, suggesting programming or collecting initiatives, or simply sharing your comments, please contact director David G. Schwartz, 702 895 2242, or dgs@unlv.nevada.edu. Thank you for your continued engagement with the Center’s work.

About the Center for Gaming Research
Located within Special Collections at UNLV’s state-of-the-art Lied Library, the Center for Gaming Research is committed to providing support for scholarly inquiry into all aspects of gaming. Through its website, http://gaming.unlv.edu, the Center offers several unique research tools and information sources.

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