

Eadington Fellowships

at UNLV University Libraries

Research residencies in Las Vegas

The Center for Gaming Research at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (<http://gaming.unlv.edu>) invites academic faculty and graduate students to apply for the **2014-15 cycle** of William R. Eadington fellowships, which facilitate research into many aspects of both gambling and Las Vegas at UNLV Special Collections. Although primarily in English, the holdings include many texts in French, German, and Italian spanning the 17th to 21st centuries as well as manuscript collections, casino corporate archives, promotional and publicity files, and government publications.

The Center awards two kinds of Eadington fellowships.

Four-week Resident Fellowships offer a \$3,000 stipend. This award is intended for graduate students conducting dissertation research, junior faculty, particularly those turning dissertations into books, and senior faculty pursuing new research opportunities. Resident Eadington Fellows will complete a **month-long residency** at Special Collections at the University Libraries, deliver a public **talk** (which is recorded as part of the Center's podcast series), and contribute a brief **paper** to the Center's Occasional Paper Series. It is expected that the research they conduct will be incorporated into their dissertation, a book, or another major research project. Residencies for these fellowships can be scheduled to conclude **any time** before September 1, 2015—this includes the summer.

Two-week Visiting Fellowships offer a \$1,500 stipend. This award is intended for senior faculty or junior faculty who do not have the time to commit to a month-long residency. Visiting Eadington Fellows will spend a minimum of **two weeks** in residency doing research at Special Collections, deliver a public **talk** (which is recorded as part of the Center's podcast series), and contribute a brief **paper** to our Occasional Paper Series. It is expected that their research will be incorporated into an article, book chapter, or other research project. These residencies can be scheduled **only** during the academic year (September 2014 to May 2015).

Who's eligible

Anyone currently in a graduate program (with a preference for Ph.D. students who are ABD) or serving as a university faculty member is eligible 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 is 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 to apply

For the 2014-2015 academic year, please submit the following by **July 23, 2014**:

1. A cover letter briefly introducing yourself; please indicate clearly whether you are applying for the Resident or Visiting Eadington fellowship, and when you would prefer to schedule your residency
2. A brief (2-3 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. For graduate students, one letter of recommendation that evaluates your past research and current project

All materials must be sent electronically; the first three items should be sent in a **single pdf file**, with the letter of recommendation sent separately as an email (no attachments) by the recommender directly to the center's director, Dr. David G. Schwartz, at dgs@unlv.nevada.edu. Please email the pdf of the application to the same address. Paper submissions and those that do not follow these guidelines will be excluded from consideration.

Successful applicants will be notified by **August 8, 2014**.

About the Eadington Fellowships

Awarded since 2007 and renamed in honor of **William R. Eadington** in 2013, the Eadington Fellowships are intended to foster scholarship focused on gambling issues and to encourage the use of the rare and unique collections at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

William R. Eadington (1946-2013) pioneered the academic study of gambling. He was the first holder of the Philip J. Satre chair in Gaming Studies, a professor of economics, and founding director of the Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR).

Over his four decades of work, Eadington became an internationally recognized authority on the legalization and regulation of commercial gambling, the economic and social impacts of gaming and a consultant and adviser to state and provincial governments, Native American tribes, and private sector organizations throughout the world. He was perhaps the single most influential person in establishing the academic study of the gaming industry, both in Nevada and worldwide.

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