

Eadington Fellowships 2017-18 Description

The Center for Gaming Research at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas invites interested scholars to apply for the 2017-18 cycle of William R. Eadington fellowships, which facilitate research into many aspects of both gambling and Las Vegas at UNLV Special Collections in the University Libraries.

In the 2017-18 academic year, the Center will award two types of Eadington fellowships:

- Four-week Resident Fellowships offer a \$3,000 stipend and can be completed any time before September 1, 2018.
- Two-week Visiting Fellowships offer a \$1,500 stipend and must be completed by June 30, 2018.

All Eadington fellows will complete a residency at Special Collections; 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.

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.

Priority will be given to applicants who specify use of three collections: the Katherine Spilde Papers on Tribal Gaming, the Eugene Christiansen Papers on Gaming, the Gary Royer Papers on Gaming, and the Harrah's Entertainment Corporate Archives. These collections provide new evidence and historical context surrounding the rapid expansion of casinos and legalized gambling in the United States between 1970 and 2010, and, thanks to a work funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), are now available for research, with enhanced finding aids and organization.

To apply for the 2017-2018 academic year, please submit the following by July 17, 2017:

1. A cover letter briefly introducing yourself, indicating clearly whether you are applying for the Resident or Visiting Eadington fellowship, and when you would prefer to schedule your residency
2. A short (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 by the recommender directly to the center's director, Dr. David G. Schwartz, at dgs@unlv.nevada.edu. Successful applicants will be notified by August 12, 2016.

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. Dr. Eadington (1946-2013) pioneered the academic study of gambling, both in Nevada and worldwide. 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).

For more information, please see <http://gaming.unlv.edu>

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