



Guide to the William Thompson Collection on International Gaming

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives. |
| Creator: | Thompson, William Norman |
| Title: | William Thompson Collection on International Gaming |
| ID: | MS-00284 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1928 to 2016 |
| Physical Description: | 11.04 Cubic Feet (29 boxes) |
| Physical Description: | 9.83 Linear Feet |
| Language of the Material: | Materials in French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Serbian, Dutch, and German are indicated at the file level. |
| Abstract: | The William Thompson Collection on International Gaming dates from 1928 to 2016. The collection materials relate to gaming in the British Isles, Europe, South America, Central America, the Caribbean, and North America. The collection contains travel brochures, memorabilia, research notes for William Thompson's published works, reports on gaming statistics, and photographs and slides from his research trips. Materials also include Thompson's personal collection of gaming industry specific magazines, law review journals, and books with Thompson's personal annotations. |

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

William Thompson was a professor emeritus of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). He taught at UNLV from 1980 to 2010. He earned a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Missouri, Columbia in 1972. Before arriving at UNLV in 1980, Dr. Thompson taught at Western Michigan University from 1971 to 1980. He also

taught abroad at Troy State University-European Campus from 1986 to 1987. His research interests include administrative behavior, political economy, public regulation of gaming, and ethics.

Dr. Thompson was a leading authority on the gaming industry. He wrote *Legalized Gambling: A Reference Handbook* in 1994 and *Native American Issues* in 1996. He also co-authored: *Casino Customer Service -- The WIN WIN Game* in 1992, *The Economic Impact of Native American Casinos in Wisconsin* in 1995, *The Social Cost of Gambling in Wisconsin* in 1996, and *Crime and Casinos in Wisconsin* in 1996. Thompson lectured extensively on the topic of international casinos and his articles on gaming have appeared in numerous publications, including a 45-article series for the *Las Vegas Sun* on world casinos.

Thompson passed away on August 12, 2019.

Source:

"William N. Thompson." Bloomberg. Accessed October 25, 2017. <https://www.bloomberg.com/research/stocks/people/person.asp?personId=30086985&privcapId=1601679>.

"Memorial Service for Emeritus Professor Bill Thompson Set for Friday." UNLV News Center. September 12, 2019. <https://www.unlv.edu/news/unlvtoday/memorial-service-emeritus-professor-bill-thompson-set-friday>.

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Scope and Contents Note

The William Thompson Collection on International Gaming dates from 1928 to 2016. The collection materials relate to gaming in the British Isles, Europe, South America, Central America, the Caribbean, and North America. The collection contains ephemera that includes travel brochures, maps, and memorabilia collected from casinos and resorts from around the world. There are also research notes for William Thompson's published works, reports on gaming statistics from selected countries, and photographs and slides from his research trips. Materials also include Thompson's personal collection of gaming industry specific magazines, law review journals, and books with Thompson's personal annotations.

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research, with the exception of materials that are restricted to protect personally identifiable information. Restrictions are noted at the file level of the inventory.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1987 and 2002 by William Thompson and in 2021 by Kaye Thompson; accession numbers 1987-063, 2002-023, and 2021-020.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections and Archives staff in 2002. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Lindsay Oden revised and enhanced the collection description and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2017, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Brooks Whittaker and Chris Bruce rehoused and arranged the materials, and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2021, Tammi Kim minimally processed the 2021 addition and updated the finding aid.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

William Thompson Photographs, 1955-2002. PH-00327. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Gambling
- Gambling -- Law and legislation
- Casinos
- Gambling -- Regulation
- photographs

Collection Inventory

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| General Note: This folder's contents are missing as of December 22, 2014. | | |
| The Berkeley Casino Club, Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland, undated | box 01 | folder 03 |
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| Blue Chip Club, Aberdeen, Scotland, undated | box 01 | folder 05 |
| Casanova Club, London, England, undated | box 01 | folder 06 |
| Charlie Chester Casino, London, England, undated | box 01 | folder 07 |
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| | box 03 | folder 15 |
| Research on European casino resorts in Switzerland, undated | box 03 | folder 16 |
| "Spa and the English, or English Influence in the History of Spa (Belgium Ardennes)" by Pierra Lafagne, undated | box 03 | folder 17 |
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