

Guide to the Stephen Powell Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Powell, Stephen, 1933-2007
Title:	Stephen Powell Papers
ID:	MS-00555
Date [inclusive]:	1933-1997
Date [bulk]:	1970-1980
Physical Description:	1.94 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)
Physical Description:	1.63 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Stephen Powell Papers (1933-1997) contain research bibliographies, indexes, and notecards for his book, <i>A Gambling Bibliography based on the Collection, University of Nevada, Las Vegas</i> . The collection also contains his unpublished and published manuscripts, as well as gaming pamphlets, articles, and ephemera from 1934-1977. The collection includes gaming bibliographies in foreign languages, university archive guides, catalog records, and acquisition files for research books.

Preferred Citation

Stephen Powell Papers, 1933-1997. MS-00555. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Stephen Powell worked as a librarian for Special Collections at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas between 1970 and 1980. Powell created the first published gambling bibliography for Special Collections' holdings related to gaming. Along with Susan (Anderl) Jarvis, Powell developed what would become the Center for Gaming Research, a center dedicated to assisting researchers with topics across the gaming industry, including social, economic, political, and health impact studies.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2009; acquisition number 2009-13.

Processing Note

In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Lee Hanover rehoused and arranged the materials, wrote the finding aid, and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Stephen Powell Bibliography of Gaming Books Held by UNLV, 1972, 1972. MS-00060. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Manuscript preparation
- Gambling -- United States
- Compulsive gambling
- Archivists
- Library employees -- Nevada

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
"Comprehensive Gambling Bibliography," incomplete and unpublished copy, 1970-1980	box 01
"A Gambling Bibliography based on the Collection, University of Nevada, Las Vegas", 1972	box 01
"A Gambling Bibliography based on the Collection, University of Nevada, Las Vegas," final copy with index, 1972	box 01
Gaming books, articles, and ephemera: "The Baker System," "The Brokers Betting Plan," "The Zenith System, Chicago System Exchange," "The Osborne System," "How To Win," "The 61%," "Want To Take Your Bookie," "They Leave Like Lightning," "Alcohol, Drugs, and Gambling in Industry," "Gambler's Book Club," "Las Vegas Today," "Revue Ludographique de Monte-Carlo," "The Commercial Appeal Mid-South News Magazine," "The Ormont Method,	box 01

Chicago," and "The \$5,000 Challenge System, Turf Investment Method",
1933-1977

Bibliographies, research notecards, catalogs, indexes, and journal articles on gaming related topics, 1933-1997 box 02

Physical Description: 22 Files

box 03