



## Guide to the Julian Taber Collection on Gambling Addiction

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Taber, Julian, 1930-2009
<b>Title:</b>	Julian Taber Collection on Gambling Addiction
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00578
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1977-1988
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.51 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.48 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Julian Taber Collection on Gambling Addiction (1977-1988) includes papers, proposals, internal reports, memoranda, and newspaper articles chronicling the work of Julian Taber, an early specialist in the field of gambling addiction. The majority of the collection relates to Taber's work and pilot programs at the Brecksville Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital in Brecksville, Ohio, with select materials pertaining to an alcohol dependency treatment program he coordinated at the VA hospital in Reno, Nevada.

### Preferred Citation Note

Julian Taber Collection on Gambling Addiction, 1977-1988. MS-00578. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Julian Ingersoll Taber was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1930. Taber received his PhD in Psychology in 1961 from the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He spent several years as a professor of psychology before becoming the coordinator for the psychiatric inpatient program at the Brecksville Veterans Administration (VA) hospital in Brecksville, Ohio. In 1978, he began coordinating a gambling treatment program at the same facility. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, Taber instituted several pilot programs and new therapeutic strategies in the emerging

field of gambling addiction, including meditation therapy, group therapy, and autobiographical testimonials, most of which became staples of Gamblers Anonymous.

In 1985, Taber moved to Reno, Nevada where he worked as the chief of the addictive disorders treatment program at the Reno VA hospital from 1985 to 1990. In 1986, the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) awarded him the Herman Goldman Award for his work with problem gamblers. He then moved to White City, Oregon, where he served on the alcohol and drug unit at the local VA Domiciliary.

Upon retiring, he moved to Las Vegas, Nevada for five years and then finally to Washington. In 2001, Taber wrote *In the Shadow of Chance*, a book which aimed to explore gambling addiction from the mindset of the addict. In 2005, the NCPG awarded him the Dr. Robert L. Custer Lifetime Award for Direct Service.

Julian Taber passed away May 30, 2009.

Source:

"Julian Taber." South Whidbey Record. May 30, 2009. Accessed October 29, 2018. <http://www.southwhidbeyrecord.com/obituaries/julian-taber/>

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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Material is arranged alphabetically.

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## Administrative Information

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### 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 this inventory and will be open for research use on January 1, 2063.

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1990 by Julian Taber; accession number 90-83. Additional materials were donated in 2011 by Lori Rugle; accession number 2011-012.

### Processing Note

In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid project, Ian M. Baldwin created an ArchivesSpace record. In 2017, Joyce Moore added an earlier accession of Julian Taber and processed the collections together. In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Christina Lamoureux rehoused the materials and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

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

Peter Collins Papers on International Gaming, 1974-2010. MS-00785. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

- Compulsive gambling -- Prevention
- Compulsive gambling -- Treatment
- Psychologists
- Veterans -- Services for -- United States

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Assorted documents pertaining to the Brecksville Inpatient Program for Pathological Gamblers, 1979	box 01
Correspondence, 1980-1986 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 01
"Evaluation of Group Therapy" questionnaire, undated	box 01
Gambling Treatment Program annual report, 1981	box 01
Newsletters, correspondence, and reports, 1979-1988 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 01
Papers and reports written by Julian Taber	
"Comments on the Role of the Peer Counselor", 1984	box 01
"Comments to the Annual Meeting of the Associated Press Managing Editors", 1983	box 01
"Common Characteristics of Pathological Gamblers and Some Interventions Which Seem to Help", 1983	box 01
"Compulsive Gambling and 'Substitution Therapy'", 1983	box 01
"Discharge Planning with Compulsive Gamblers", 1986	box 01
"The Early Detection of Pathological Gambling", 1980	box 01
"Ego Strength and Achievement Motivation in Pathological Gamblers", 1985	box 02
"An Established Treatment Program for Pathological Gamblers: Initial Outcome Study Results", 1984	box 02
"Gambling Behavior", 1982	box 02
"Group Psychotherapy with Pathological Gamblers", 1981	box 02
"The Growth and Control of Emotional Recovery", 1980	box 02

"Health and Physical Disease Problems of Inpatient Pathological Gamblers", 1984	box 02
"The Incidence of Affective Disorders among Pathological Gamblers Seeking Treatment", 1982	box 02
"The Inventory Nobody Wants to Take", 1980	box 02
"Is Compulsive Gambling Treatable?", 1982	box 02
"Pathological Gambling: the Initial Screening Interview", undated	box 02
"Pathological Gambling and Alcoholism: An Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Two Treatment Programs", undated	box 02
"Patterns of Alcohol Abuse in Pathological Gamblers", 1983	box 02
"Some Thoughts on Legislative Initiatives Related to Pathological Gambling", 1984	box 02
"Spirituality in Treatment", undated	box 02
"Treatment?", 1984	box 02
Press releases, meeting agendas, photocopies of newspaper clippings, and other assorted documents, 1977-1985 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 02
Response to the Veterans Administration director's memorandum, 1982	box 02
"Study Questions on the Twelve Steps" worksheet, 1981	box 02
Individual and group session recordings, 1977-1988 Physical Description: 23 Audio Cassettes	box 03
Restricted: Materials are restricted to protect personally identifiable information and will be open for research use on January 1, 2063.	