



Guide to the Rena Nora Papers on Gambling Addiction

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	The Rena Nora Papers on Gambling Addiction (1978-2009) consist of the personal correspondence, research notes, and publications of psychiatrist Rena Nora. In addition to positions in New Jersey and New York, Dr. Nora was the Chief of Psychiatric Services at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada, where she focused on issues of compulsive gambling. The papers also house several compact disks which contain presentations that Dr. Nora gave at various conferences on problem gambling in the United States.

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Biographical Note

An advocate for compulsive gambling treatment, Dr. Rena Nora (1940-2008) worked for thirty years in the field of psychiatry. She held professional positions in New Jersey and Nevada, including President of both the New Jersey Psychiatric Association and the Nevada Association of Psychiatric Physicians.

Born in the Philippines in 1940, Dr. Nora graduated from La Consolacion College High School in 1956. She then went on to the University of Santo Tomas medical school and completed her residency at the Bergen Pines County Hospital in New Jersey and the Psychiatric Institute of Columbia University in New York. In May of 1994, Dr. Nora resigned her position as Chief of Psychiatric Services at Lyon, New Jersey to become the Chief of Psychiatric Services at the Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic and the Federal Medical Center at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada.

Primarily focused on assisting patients and their families cope with compulsive gambling, Dr. Nora received awards and commendations for her work and service. In 2008, Dr. Nora passed away at the age of 68.

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Chronology	
1940	Dr. Rena Nora was born on March 9th in Kalibo, Aklan, Philippines
1956	Graduated from La Consolacion College High School
1963	Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Santo Tomas, Philippines
1978-1994	Chief of Psychiatry at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Lyons, New Jersey
1978	Unit Chief Psychiatry Service, East Orange Veterans Affairs Medical Center, New Jersey
1979-1984	Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of Medicine and Dentistry, Rutgers Medical School, New Jersey
1980	President of the Philippine American Medical Society of New Jersey
1981	Founding member of the Compulsive Gambling Certification Board
1981	President of the Caucus of Asian American Psychiatrists in America
1981	Chairperson on the Asian American Psychiatrists of the American Psychological Association

1981-1984	National President, Philippine Psychiatrists in America
1983	Director of Psychiatry Residency Training
1983-1994	Chairperson of the Foreign Medical Graduates Committee of the American Psychiatric Association
1984-1986	President North East Federation of Philippine American Organization
1984	Chairman of the Ethics Committee Association of Phillipine Physicians in America
1985	President North East Federation of Philippine American Organization
1987-1989	Board of Directors of the Asian Mental Health Form
1989	Editor for New Jersey Psychiatric Association News
1989	Vice President of the New Jersey Psychiatric Association
1989	Chairperson on the Committee of impaired physicians, New Jersey Psychiatric Association
1990-1992	President New Jersey Psychiatric Association
1989-1991	Chairperson on the Committee on Physician Health of New Jersey Psychiatric Association
1991	Chairperson Advisory council of John F. Kennedy Medical Center Outpatient
1996-2008	Clinical Professor of Psychiatry University of Nevada School of Medicine
1995-2002	Chief, Psychiatry Service, Las Vegas Veterans Affairs Medical Center
1997-1998	President of Southern Chapter, Nevada Association of Psychiatrics
1999-2008	Chairperson Psychiatry Advisory Board to Director of Mental Health and Development Services
1999-2002	President American Foundation for Suicide Prevention of Nevada

2000	President position Nevada Association of Psychiatric Physicians
2000-2008	Co-Chairperson of the National Certification Board for Gambling Counselors
2002	Vice Chair of the Region 11 of the National Federation of Filipino American Associates
2002-2008	Director, Veterans Affairs Intensive Outpatient Program for Pathological Gambling
2008	Dr. Rena Nora passed away at the age of 68

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by topic.

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Processing Note

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into compliance with current professional standards. Subsequently, Ian M. Baldwin entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

Revision Description

The finding aid was revised by Ian M. Baldwin to bring it into compliance with DACS. June, 2014

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Names and Subjects

- Compulsive gambling -- Prevention

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
Self Portrait, undated	box 01	folder 01
Testimony to the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, 1998	box 01	folder 02
Biographical articles on Rena Nora, 1987-2009	box 01	folder 03
Personal notes and data, undated	box 01	folder 04
Awards and certificates, 2002-2009	box 01	folder 05
Correspondence, 1984-1990	box 01	folder 06
Rena Nora publications on compulsive gambling in New Jersey, 1984-1985	box 01	folder 07
Rena Nora publications and presentations on compulsive gambling, 1987-2006	box 01	folder 08
Outside publications and presentations on compulsive gambling, 1978-1986	box 01	folder 09
Agenda: Advisory Committee Gamblers Treatment Program, 1984	box 01	folder 10
Compact disks: Rena Nora presentations and videos , undated Physical Description: 15 Optical Discs	box 01	folder 11