



Guide to the Bob Weinstein Papers on Compulsive Gambling

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Weinstein, Bob, 1942-
Title:	Bob Weinstein Papers on Compulsive Gambling
ID:	MS-01194
Date [inclusive]:	1945 to 2024
Physical Description:	7.23 Cubic Feet (17 boxes)
Physical Description:	7.38 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Bob Weinstein Papers on Compulsive Gambling (1945-2024) contain pamphlets, brochures, conference packets, promotional material, correspondence, and ephemera related to Weinstein's involvement in Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.). The collection contains G.A. recovery resources, workshop and training booklets, and meeting minutes and correspondence from Weinstein's time on the G.A. International Board of Trustees. Also contained in the collection are copies of correspondence from Jim W. (founder of Gamblers Anonymous) to Bill W. (a founder of Alcoholics Anonymous) and many books and other publications related to compulsive gambling.

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Biographical Note

Robert "Bob" Weinstein was born in Brooklyn, New York on July 15, 1942 to a large family. Weinstein moved to California in 1960 to become a professional poker player but after six months he joined the United States Air Force. He met and married his wife in December 1962. He was discharged from the Air Force in 1966, and opened a bookstore with his brother, Jerry, in Los

Angeles, California. He left after about seven months, but later opened the Book Treasury in Long Beach, California in 1975. In 1978, he bought a second bookstore with a partner in Los Angeles. In 1979, he sold that store to his partner and opened the Book Baron in Anaheim, California. Book Baron evolved into a 20,000 square-foot bookstore, and was named "Best Used Bookstore in America" by *USA Today*. The store closed in 2007 when Weinstein retired. Throughout his career, Weinstein also operated three additional bookstores, five baseball card shops, a wholesale sports card distribution, comic shop, and an online auction house. Weinstein first joined Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) in 1982, had a 17 day slip, and returned on March 31, 1983. He served as chairman of the G.A. Board of Trustees, and the Board of Regents (Directors) for over twenty years. Weinstein also served twenty-one years on the California Council on Problem Gambling, and on the Board of Directors of the Orange County Self Help Center and Inland Empire Self Help Center. He credits G.A. to a successful life and career.

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Text message communication from donor to curator, 2024 September-October.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2024 by Bob Weinstein; accession number 2024-108.

Appraisal

Acquired by Visual Materials Curator, Aaron Mayes, as part of UNLV Special Collections and Archives holdings in gambling and problem gambling. The original acquisition included 0.54 linear feet of duplicate pamphlets and ephemera that were removed and discarded.

Processing Note

In 2024, Sarah Jones arranged and described the collection, entered the data into ArchivesSpace, and wrote the front matter description.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Julian Taber Collection on Gambling Addiction, 1977-1988. MS-00578. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f13w4h>

Arnie and Sheila Wexler Professional Papers, 1976-2006. MS-00579. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f10605>

Rena Nora Papers on Gambling Addiction, 1978-2009. MS-00584. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f1g60h>

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Names and Subjects

- Compulsive gambling
- Gambling
- Gamblers Anonymous

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Workbooks and educational materials, approximately 1990 to 2009 Physical Description: 5 Files	box 01 box 02
Gamblers Anonymous workbooks and handbooks, approximately 1990 to 2009	box 02
Gamblers Anonymous 12-step booklets, pamphlets, and recovery brochures, approximately 1980 to 2009 Physical Description: 4 Files	box 02 box 03
International Convention conference programs, 1982 to 2023 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 03 box 04
Regional and mini-conference programs, 1986 to 2017 Physical Description: 5 Files	box 04 box 05
Gamblers Anonymous Board of Trustees and Board of Regents (Board of Directors) correspondence, meeting minutes, and financial reports, approximately 1975 to 2019 Physical Description: 5 Files	box 07 box 08
Gamblers Anonymous re-alignment maps, 2000	box 08
Gamblers Anonymous International Board of Trustees board policy and early correspondence, 1972 to 1992	box 08
Gamblers Anonymous guidance code and organization overview, approximately 1960 to 1969	box 08
Gamblers Anonymous abstinence records, 1987 to 2002 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 17
Conference cassettes and optical discs, approximately 1989 to 2009	box 08
Correspondence from Jim W. (G.A. founder) to Bill W. (A.A. founder) (photocopies), 1962 to 1965	box 12
Publications related to gambling	
Gamblers Anonymous "Life-Line Bulletin" publication, 1988 to 2024	box 09

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"Trustee Line" newsletter, 1992 to 2005	box 06
"L.A. Intergroup" newsletter, 2002 to 2006	box 06
<i>Gambling: A Bad Bet</i> by Norman L. Geisler, 1990	box 13
<i>Joe Gambel's Hidden Little Secrets: behavioral control and psychosocial impact on gamblers in Las Vegas</i> by Ed Atchison, MA, NCGC, 2003	box 13
<i>Gambling: current controversies</i> , 1995	box 13
<i>Compulsion: the true story of an addictive gambler</i> by Robin Moore, 1981	box 13
<i>When the Stakes are Too High</i> by Loraine Allison, 1991	box 13
<i>Deadly Odds: recovery from compulsive gambling</i> by Ken Estes and Mike Brubaker, 1994	box 13
<i>Seducing America: is gambling a good bet?</i> by Rex M. Rogers, 1997	box 13
<i>Six to Five Against: a gambler's odyssey</i> by Burt Dragin, 2005	box 13
<i>Gambling Recovery: working the Gamblers Anonymous recovery program</i> by Elizabeth Sanders, 2008	box 13
<i>Rising from the Bottom: a 12-step program for America and the World</i> by Ted Cox, 1992	box 13
<i>Governing Gambling</i> by John Lyman Mason and Michael Nelson, 2001	box 13
<i>When Luck Runs Out: help for compulsive gamblers and their families</i> by Robert Custer and Harry Milt, 1985	box 13
<i>In the Shadow of Chance: the pathological gambler</i> by Julian Taber, 2001	box 13
<i>Compulsive Gambling: more than dreidle</i> by Rabbi Abraham K. Twerski, 2006	box 13
<i>Born to Lose</i> by Bill Lee, 2005	box 14
<i>Compulsive Gamblers: observations on action and abstinence</i> by Jay Livingston, 1974	box 14
<i>Compulsive Gambler</i> by Bernie P. as told to William Bruns, 1973	box 14
<i>Quit Compulsive Gambling: the action plan for gamblers and their families</i> by Gordon Moody, 1990	box 14
<i>Addictions: gambling, smoking, cocaine use and others</i> by Margaret O. Hyde, 1978	box 14
<i>Bob the Gambler</i> by Frederick Barthelme, 1997	box 14
<i>Ethics for Addiction Professionals</i> by Le Clair Bissell and James Royce, 1994	box 14
<i>Gambling: America's hidden addiction</i> compiled by Dr. D. James Kennedy, 1995	box 14

<i>First Interim Report of the Commission on the Review of the National Policy Toward Gambling</i> , 1975	box 14
<i>Journal of Gambling Studies</i> vol. 13, no. 4, 1997	box 14
<i>How I Keep From Gambling</i> by 26 compulsive gamblers who succeeded in quitting, undated	box 14
<i>G.A.: Recovery - Unity</i> compiled by a member of Gamblers Anonymous, undated	box 14
<i>G.A.: Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous</i> , 1984	box 14
<i>G.A.: Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous</i> , 2023	box 14
<i>G.A.: Handbook</i> , first edition, 1964	box 14
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<i>G.A.: Handbook</i> , second edition, approximately 1970 to 1979	box 14
<i>G.A.: A New Beginning</i> , 1989	box 14
<i>G.A.: A Day at a Time</i> , 1994	box 15
<i>The Killing Floor</i> by Arthur Lyons, 1976	box 15
<i>Pathological Gambling: A Critical Review</i> compiled by the National Research Council, 1999	box 15
<i>A Gambler Till I Die</i> by Merle L. Robertson, 2007	box 15
<i>Best Possible Odds: contemporary treatment strategies for gambling disorders</i> by William McCown and Linda Chamberlain, 2000	box 15
<i>Letting Go of Debt: growing richer one day at a time</i> by Karen Casanova, 2000	box 15
<i>So Fair a House: the story of Synanon</i> by Daniel Casriel, 1963	box 15
<i>Any Number Can Play</i> by Edward Harris Heth, 1945	box 15
<i>Gambling Policy and the Role of the State</i> report of the Public Sector Gaming Study Commission, 2000	box 16
<i>The Fellowship of Bettors Anonymous</i> , undated	box 16
<i>Gambling: notes, clippings, and articles</i> compiled by Glenn R. Souza, approximately 1970 to 1979	box 16
<i>The Lotteries and Gaming Act of Commonwealth of the Bahamas</i> , 1969	box 16
<i>Preliminary Field Tests for Crooked Dice</i> FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, 1976 November	box 16
<i>Nevada Gaming Abstract</i> , 1974	box 16
<i>Gambling Technology</i> by Kier T. Boyd, 1975 November	box 16
<i>Games of the 1900s</i> , undated	box 16
<i>Gamblers Anonymous: The First Forty Years</i> , 1999	box 16

Personal papers	
"One Day At a Time" daily planner, 2005	box 12
Personal correspondence to Robert Weinstein, approximately 1990 to 2023 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 12
Bob W. conference nametags and "Chairman, Board of Trustees" sign, approximately 2000 to 2019	box 08
"Crisis in Gambletown: a play by Bob W." program, undated	box 12
Workshop notes and training materials, 1990 to 2020 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 06
Gamblers Anonymous key chain, coins, medallions, pins, and magnet, approximately 2010 to 2024	box 12