

Guide to the Rachel Volberg Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Volberg, Rachel A.
Title:	Rachel Volberg Papers
ID:	MS-01246
Date [inclusive]:	1976 to 2020
Physical Description:	34.34 Cubic Feet (53 boxes)
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Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Rachel Volberg Papers (1976-2020) consist of research files, reports, project documentation, conference programs and papers, and professional correspondence created by Dr. Rachel Volberg during her 40-year career as a gambling researcher and president of Gemini Research. The materials document Volberg's research on problem gambling, including the prevalence of problem gambling in various populations, and include meeting agendas, notes, correspondence, and final reports covering studies conducted primarily within the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. One of the major studies documented in the collection is the Massachusetts Gaming Commission-funded Social and Economic Impacts of Gambling in Massachusetts (SEIGMA).

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Biographical Note

Dr. Rachel Volberg is a trained sociologist who has been conducting epidemiological research on gambling and problem gambling since 1985. She was the first researcher to receive funding from the United States National Institutes of Health to conduct studies on the prevalence of

problem gambling in the country's population. In her career spanning four decades, Volberg has directed or consulted on numerous studies in the United States and internationally, published extensively, and served as an advisor to governments and private sector organizations on gambling legalization, public policy strategies to support problem gamblers, and the epidemiology of problem gambling. Volberg served as the principal investigator on the Massachusetts Gaming Commission-funded Social and Economic Impacts of Gambling in Massachusetts (SEIGMA) study from its inception in 2013 until its conclusion in 2025.

In addition to her work as a research professor, Volberg is the president and principal investigator of Gemini Research, a consulting firm that "specializes in managing and reporting on studies of gambling and problem gambling in the community." In this capacity, Volberg has conducted research and published reports on behalf of state, provincial, and national government agencies around the world to investigate problem gambling in various populations.

As of 2026, Dr. Rachel Volberg is Professor Emerita of Epidemiology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Sources:

Gemini Research. "About." Accessed October 15, 2026. <https://www.geminiresearch.com/about-3>

University of Massachusetts Amherst School of Public Health and Health Sciences. "Rachel Volberg." Accessed October 15, 2026. <https://www.umass.edu/public-health-sciences/about/directory/rachel-volberg>

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged in the original order established by the creator, with the exception of the published reports, which are arranged alphabetically by country.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Donated in 2026 by Rachel Volberg; accession number 2026-082.

Appraisal Note

Acquired by Kristian Taketomo, Curator for Gaming Collections, as part of UNLV Special Collections and Archives holdings on problem gambling. Approximately 2 linear feet of duplicate materials were discarded.

Processing Note

In 2026, Landon Paljusaj accessioned and minimally processed the collection. The materials were rehoused into archival boxes according to the donor's provided inventory and descriptive information.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Some of the books and journals that were acquired as part of this collection have been separated and described individually in the [University Libraries' catalog](#).

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Names and Subjects

- Gambling industry
- Compulsive gambling
- Research
- Epidemiology
- Gemini Research, Ltd.
- Social and Economic Impacts of Gambling in Massachusetts

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Conference materials, including papers, notes, programs, and correspondence, 2013 to 2020	box 01 box 02
Social and Economic Impacts of Gambling in Massachusetts (SEIGMA) and Massachusetts Gambling Impact Cohort (MAGIC) study planning documents, tenure and promotion correspondence, 2013 to 2020	box 02 box 03
Social and Economic Impacts of Gambling in Massachusetts (SEIGMA) meeting agendas, notes, correspondence, survey planning and recruitment, and research files; Massachusetts Gaming Commission Gaming Policy Advisory Committee meeting agendas, 2014 to 2020	box 03 box 04 box 05
Gemini Research conference and workshop materials, and meeting notes, approximately 1988 to 2019	box 06

box 07

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Gemini Research project materials, research files, correspondence, presentations, and reports (United States and international), approximately 1986 to 2008

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Gemini Research project materials and reports for multiple gaming studies in Connecticut, approximately 1986 to 1997

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box 23

Early Gemini Research project materials, daybook, and field notes, 1986 to 1996

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Early Gemini Research project reports, approximately 1983 to 2000

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Gemini Research project folders, United States and international, A-Z, approximately 1990 to 2005

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Pre-publication manuscripts from colleagues, approximately 1980 to 2000

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Reports on problem gambling, prevalence, and other gambling-related topics	
Reports: Australia: national reports; New South Wales; South Australia; Victoria, 1987 to 2016	box 40
Physical Description: 6 Files	
Reports: Canada: national reports; Alberta; British Columbia; Manitoba; New Brunswick; Nova Scotia; Ontario; Prince Edward Island; Quebec, 1992 to 2018	box 40 box 41
Physical Description: 17 Files	box 42 box 43
Reports: Finland: national reports, 2017	box 53
Reports: New Zealand: national reports, 1990 to 2006	box 43
Physical Description: 8 Files	box 44 box 45
Reports: Norway: national reports, 2004 to 2006	box 45
Reports: United Kingdom: national reports, 1996 to 2007	box 45
Physical Description: 2 Files	
Reports: United States: national reports, 1976 to 2016	box 45
Physical Description: 12 Files	box 46 box 47 box 48
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Reports: United States: California, 1997 to 2006	box 48
Reports: United States: Colorado, 1997	box 48
Reports: United States: Connecticut, 1993 to 2018	box 48
Reports: United States: Delaware, 1999	box 48
Reports: United States: Florida, 2002 to 2003	box 48
Reports: United States: Indiana, 1999	box 49
Reports: United States: Louisiana, 1996 to 1997	box 49
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Reports: United States: Massachusetts, 2001 to 2018	box 49
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Reports: United States: Minnesota, 1990 to 1994	box 50

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Reports: United States: Mississippi, 1996 to 1997	box 50
Reports: United States: Montana, 1998	box 50
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Reports: United States: New York, 1982 to 2003	box 51
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Reports: United States: Pennsylvania, 2006	box 52
Reports: United States: Puerto Rico, 1998	box 52
Reports: United States: Rhode Island, 2003	box 52
Reports: United States: South Dakota, 1991 to 1993	box 52
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Reports: United States: Texas, 1993 to 1996	box 53
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Reports: United States: Wisconsin, 1996	box 53
Reports: South Africa: national reports, 2001	box 53
Reports: Sweden: national reports, 1999 to 2015	box 53
Physical Description: 2 Files	