

## **Guide to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Architecture Records**

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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>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. School of Architecture
<b>Title:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Architecture Records
<b>ID:</b>	UA-00005
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1980 to 2011
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3.82 Cubic Feet (4 box, 7 rolls)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3.75 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Architecture Records (1980-2011) include marketing material, curriculum development material, student letters to the Nevada legislative counsel, journals, newspaper clippings, and architectural drawing sets for the school building's construction.

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Background

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The University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Architecture is a department included in the College of Fine Arts, located at the Paul B. Sogg Architecture Building at 4505 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada. The school was first known as the College of Architecture, Construction Management, and Planning when it was first established in 1986, and was placed under the Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering in 1988. In 1989, the University Board of Regents approved a graduate professional degree program in architecture. The first four degrees (Bachelor of Science in Architecture) were awarded in 1993, and by 1996, the program had awarded two Master of Architecture degrees. In 1994, the Board of Regents separated the Architecture Studies Program from the College of Engineering into its own autonomous academic unit, that contained

the programs of Architecture, Construction Management, Landscape Architecture, Urban Planning, and Interior Architecture. Upon the appointment of Dr. Carol Harter as UNLV President in 1996, the programs were reorganized as Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Interior Architecture and Design, and Urban and Regional Planning under the School of Architecture.

In 1995, while the program acted out of temporary modules (trailers), the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) noted the facilities to be inadequate for professional design education, causing the program to fail at meeting the criterion for accreditation. Through a design competition, the \$8.25 million 75,000 square foot Paul B. Sogg Architecture Building was constructed by Swisher & Hall Architects (later known as SH Architecture) and Tibesar Construction. The building broke ground on September 4th, 1996 and was completed in Fall 1997. On October 25, 1997, NAAB voted for a full five-year term of accreditation to the UNLV Architecture Program. The school has since continued providing educational opportunities for students in architecture, interior architecture, and landscape architecture.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Architecture Records (1980-2011) primarily contains records of the school's curriculum, documenting activities, proposals, and discussions through meeting minutes and collected materials. These materials include newspaper clippings, photographs of student presentations, marketing material for the school's programs and events, curriculum planning books for the school's coursework, correspondence to faculty members, and letters from architectural students to the Nevada legislative counsel regarding an unspecified controversy surrounding a design competition for the school's architectural building. There is also a design concept proposal for the School of Architecture compiled into a book.

The drawing sets for the School of Architecture included were created by Swisher & Hall Architects, Limited (architect), Mendnehall Smith Wright, Inc. (structural engineer), T.J. Krob Engineer (electrical engineer), Martin & Martin (civil engineer), BWA Landscape Architecture (landscape architect), and Martino & Tatasciore (landscape consultant).

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were transferred to the University Special Collections and Archives by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Architecture; accession number 2017-060. This set of records includes former record group number RG 2.6.11.

### Processing Note

In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Jimmy Chang revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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## Names and Subjects

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- photographs
- University and college buildings
- Southern Nevada -- 20th Century
- Presentation drawings (proposals)
- Curriculum planning
- Architecture
- Architectural drawings (visual works)
- Education, Higher -- Administration
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Newspaper clippings, photographs of student presentations, advertisement, curriculum planning books for the school's coursework, correspondence to faculty members, letters to the Nevada legislative counsel, and a design concept proposal for the School of Architecture, 1980 to 2011	box 01 box 09 box 10 box 11
UNLV School of Architecture drawings and images for the 1996 bid set, 2002 classroom remodel, 2004 studio additions, and building specifications; list of architects; aerial photographs and maps of Las Vegas, Nevada, approximately 1996 to 2005  Physical Description: 8 Optical Discs	box 11
UNLV School of Architecture early design development submittal: architectural, structural, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical drawing sets, 1994 August 15  Physical Description: 94 Sheets	roll 02
UNLV School of Architecture early design development submittal: structural, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical drawing sets, 1994 August 15  Physical Description: 45 Sheets	roll 03
UNLV School of Architecture: structural, landscaping, plumbing, and civil design set, 1996 August 29  Physical Description: 38 Sheets	roll 04
UNLV School of Architecture bid set: architectural and electrical drawing sets, 1996 June 17  Physical Description: 36 Sheets	roll 05
UNLV School of Architecture bid set: civil drawing set, 1995 December 14  Physical Description: 6 Sheets	roll 06
UNLV School of Architecture bid set: electrical drawing set, 1997 December 17  Physical Description: 20 Sheets	roll 07
UNLV School of Architecture bid set: mechanical drawing set, 1996 June 17  Physical Description: 16 Sheets	roll 08