

Guide to the Hal Rothman Faculty Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Rothman, Hal, 1958-2007
Title:	Hal Rothman Faculty Papers
ID:	UA-00099
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1930 to 2006
Physical Description:	41.97 Cubic Feet (27 boxes and 1 oversized box)
Physical Description:	16.62 Linear Feet
Physical Description:	746 Digital Files (0.726 GB) PDF/A, TIF
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Hal Rothman Faculty Papers (approximately 1930-2006) are comprised primarily of research, teaching, and professional papers of Hal Rothman, professor of history at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). The papers include Rothman's research notes, manuscript drafts, conference articles, lecture notes, audiovisual material for his book <i>LBJ's Texas White House</i> , newspaper clippings, and book draft. Material in this collection represents Rothman's time as a UNLV professor and as a graduate student at Wichita State University in Wichita, Kansas.

Preferred Citation

Hal Rothman Faculty Papers, approximately 1930-2006. UA-00099. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Hal Karl Rothman was born on August 11, 1958 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In 1980, Rothman was awarded a B.A. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, an M.A. in 1982 from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Ph.D of History in 1985, also at the University of Texas

at Austin. After five years of lecturing at Wichita State University in Wichita, Kansas, Rothman relocated to Las Vegas, Nevada to establish a Ph.D program in western history at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). Rothman became the history department chair in 2002 and held the position until 2005. In 2006, Hal was named a distinguished professor by then-UNLV president Carol C. Harter. In December 2005, Hal was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and passed away on February 25, 2007 at the age of 48. As of 2020, the American Society for Environmental History holds the Hal Rothman Dissertation fellowship for Ph.D students in the field of environmental history in honor of Rothman's distinguished service to the society.

Sources:

Noland, Claire. "Hal Rothman, 48; writer took academic approach to modern Las Vegas." *Los Angeles Times*, March 1, 2007. <https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2007-mar-01-me-rothman1-story.html>.

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Arrangement

These records are organized into four series:

Series I. Teaching, approximately 1950-2005;

Series II. Research and Scholarship, approximately 1930-2005;

Series III. Service, 1966-2004;

Series IV. Personal, approximately 1959-2005.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research, with the exception of materials that are restricted to protect personally identifiable information and maintain confidentiality. Access is restricted under provisions of state or federal law. Restrictions are noted at the box level of this inventory and will be open for research use January 1, 2078.

Acquisition Note

Materials were received by UNLV Special Collections and Archives; accession number 2020-011.

Processing Note

In 2020, Joseph Puentes processed and rehoused the collection and entered the information into ArchivesSpace. In 2020, Tammi Kim transferred files off of floppy disks and optical discs, appraised the files, created access surrogates, and input the descriptions into ArchivesSpace.

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Names and Subjects

- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Environmentalism
- Education
- Archaeology
- Fire
- National parks and reserves
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Department of History
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas -- History

Collection Inventory

I. Teaching, approximately 1950 to 2005

Physical Description: 1.67 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)

Physical Description: 1.50 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: Series I. Teaching is comprised of textbook manuscripts, national park research notes, class notes, students' master's theses, a class textbook, and students' doctoral dissertations.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged by topic.

Title/Description	Containers
<i>Blazing Heritage</i> and <i>On Rims and Ridges</i> drafts, national parks history notes, HIST 406B/606B syllabus, "Ecological Imperialism" review, Colorado population statistics, and history of American history lecture transcripts, approximately 1950 to 2005	box 01
Teaching notes, student's master's theses, and doctoral dissertations, HIST 102 textbook, 1988 to 2005	box 02
Class transparencies, class syllabi and handouts, and students' term papers, approximately 1990 to 2005	box 04

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II. Research and scholarship, approximately 1930 to 2005

Physical Description: 6.33 Cubic Feet (11 boxes)

Physical Description: 6.96 Linear Feet

Physical Description: 333 Digital Files (0.623 GB) PDF/A, TIF

Scope and Contents Note: Series II. Research and Scholarship is comprised of handwritten research notes, book research, oral history interviews, legal cases, Department of the Interior memoranda, and newspaper articles.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged by topic.

Title/Description	Containers
Research notes and Olympic National Park scoping documents, approximately 1930 to 2002	box 03
<i>An Administrative History of Olympic National Park</i> chapter drafts, 2004 to 2005	digital file 00
Physical Description: 10 Digital Files (0.003 GB) PDF/A	
Oral history interviews and drafts of <i>American Eden: The Administrative History Of Olympic National Park</i> , 2002 to 2003	digital file 00
Physical Description: 16 Digital Files (0.003 GB) PDF/A	
Publisher correspondence, peer-reviewed manuscripts, and chapter drafts, 1952 to 2005	box 05
National Parks Service (NPS) reports and memoranda, research notes, and <i>USA v. Malone, Kincaid-Chauncy, and Herrera</i> case introduction, approximately 1950 to 2005	box 06
<i>Encyclopedia of American National Parks</i> manuscript, <i>The Culture of Tourism, The Tourism of Culture</i> manuscripts, and <i>On Rims and Ridges</i> manuscript, approximately 1995 to 2005	box 07

Handwritten research notes, NPS Colorado River and Idaho research articles, Department of the Interior memoranda, and newspaper articles, 1974 to 2005	box 08
Oral history interview transcripts, <i>On Rims and Ridges</i> research notes, and book proofs, approximately 1969 to 2005	box 09
NPS wildfire reports and research grant documents, approximately 1940 to 2005	box 10
NPS booklet, National Archives natural landscape copy negatives, and photographs of New Mexico landscape, approximately 1951 to 1990	box 14
National Park Service fire management files, 2003 Physical Description: 7 Digital Files (0.001 GB) PDF/A	digital file 00
<i>A Test of Adversity and Strength: Wildland Fire in the National Park System</i> drafts, 2005 Physical Description: 6 Digital Files (0.006 GB) PDF/A	digital file 00
<i>Devil's Bargain</i> manuscripts, <i>Neon Metropolis</i> manuscripts, and Sun Valley, Idaho research notes, 1936 to 2005	box 11
<i>LBJ's Texas White House</i> book research, 1994 Physical Description: 262 Digital Files (0.0073 GB) PDF/A	digital file 00
Sam Houston Johnson, J. O. Tanner, Yolanda Boozer, Jesse Wood, James Cross, Lawrence and Evelyn Klein, Liz Carpenter, M. W. Ivy, and J. Roy White interview cassette tapes for <i>LBJ's Texas White House</i> , 1968 to 1979 Physical Description: 18 Audio Cassettes	box 12
James Davis, I. W. "Stormy" Davis, Charles Boatnor, Mrs. E. C. West, Cecil Presnell, and the Malechek family oral history Interviews cassette tapes, 1978 to 1979 Physical Description: 21 Audio Cassettes	box 13
Drafts of <i>Blazing Heritage: A History of Wildland Fire in the National Parks and American Eden: The Administrative History of Olympic National Park</i> , 2004 to 2005 Physical Description: 17 Digital Files (0.0098 GB) PDF/A	digital file 00
Matt Lay narrative history of Henderson project, Ash Meadows writings , 2003 Physical Description: 2 Digital Files (5.48e-7 GB) PDF/A	digital file 00
Ballart, California scanned photographs for Death Valley National Park monograph, 2004 Physical Description: 13 Digital Files (0.591 GB) TIF	digital file 00

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III. Service, 1966 to 2005

Physical Description: 2.40 Cubic Feet (4 boxes)

Physical Description: 2.05 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: Series III. Service is comprised of Clark County Community Growth Task Force report drafts and final report, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) memoranda, NCAA violations, Urban Land Institute reports, and legal cases.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged by topic.

Title/Description	Containers
Clark County Community Growth Task Force report drafts, Historical Records Advisory Board notes, Southern Nevada Water Authority growth and economic impact report, and Management Framework Plan: Yuma, 1975 to 2005	box 15
Environmental Protection Agency contract agreements, NCAA memoranda, evidence of impact reports, coach certification forms, Urban Land Institute documents, and address lists, 1966 to 2005	box 16
<i>Wyndham v. Ace American Insurance, et. al</i> correspondence, student-athlete rosters; NCAA eligibility reports, memoranda, and violation reports, 2004	box 17
<p>Restricted: Contents in this box are closed for seventy-five years from the latest date found on an individual record to protect privacy and confidentiality. Access is restricted under provisions of state or federal law. These materials will be open for research use on January 1, 2078.</p>	
NCAA self-reported violations, NCAA compliance reports, student rosters, NCAA memoranda, and Mountain West Conference certification report, 1996 to 2003	box 18
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IV. Personal, approximately 1959 to 2006

Physical Description: 4.57 Cubic Feet (9 boxes, 1 oversized box)

Physical Description: 6.11 Linear Feet

Physical Description: 390 Digital Files (0.100 GB) PDF/A

Scope and Contents Note: Series IV. Personal papers is comprised of awards and accolades, personal notes, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Parks Service (NPS) booklets, environmental VHS tapes, personal magazines, Jewish history lectures, and music and lecture audio cassettes. Also included are scholarly journals as well as programs for conferences and symposiums on environmental and Western U.S. history.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged by topic.

Title/Description	Containers
Journals and publications, publisher correspondence, awards and accolades, list of books published, Richard Misrach personal file, John A. Godino thesis, and EPA and NPS booklets, 1985 to 2005	box 19

<i>Wyndham v. Ace American Insurance, et. al</i> case files, and legal research notes, 1993 to 2006	box 20
Personal notes, authored articles, Organization of American Historians award, speeches and speaking engagements, Shannon McMackin peer-review, and personal postcards and photographs, 1990 to 2005	box 21
Speaking engagements, personal magazines, office files, hand-written notes, and fan letters, approximately 1985 to 2005	box 22
High Country News newspapers, and Statement for Management: Olympic National Park, 1996 to 2004	oversized box 23
<i>Battle Wilderness, Face to Face, Growth Task Force Workshop, Las Vegas: Episode 1 & 2, Wind River TRT, Vegas Mob, MOTOR, Growth Task Force, Changing West: Rural and Urban</i> , and unlabelled video cassettes, approximately 1995 to 2005 Physical Description: 11 VHS Tapes	box 24
<i>The Nature of Construction and Construction of Nature in Fall Creek, Felton California, Wild By Law</i> , and <i>Citizens Protecting America's Parks</i> video cassettes, approximately 1991 to 1994 Physical Description: 3 VHS Tapes	box 25
Jewish History recorded lectures, University Forum lectures, and personal music audio cassettes, approximately 1990 to 2002 Physical Description: 14 Cassettes	box 26
Environmental history and Western U.S. history professional and scholarly journals, conference and symposium programs, approximately 1959 to 2005	box 27
Western U.S. history and environmental history conference and symposium programs; Rothman scholarly writings; personal vacation photographic slides, 1976 to 2004	box 28
A-Z personal and professional correspondence, 1992 to 1999 Physical Description: 390 Digital Files (0.100 GB) PDF/A	digital file 00

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