The Special Collections and Archives at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas invites interested scholars to apply for the 2024-25 cycle of William R. Eadington Fellowships, which facilitate research into many aspects of gambling and Las Vegas using collections within the University Libraries.

Eadington Fellow, UNLV University Libraries.

Role of the POSITION

Anyone currently in a graduate program (with a preference for Ph.D. candidates who are working on a dissertation) or serving as a university faculty member is eligible to apply. Applicants in the fields of history, economics, English, history, sociology, media studies, and anthropology, as well as any discipline with relevant research interests, are encouraged to apply. Suggested fields of research include Las Vegas history, the history of gambling, and comparative studies of gambling in literature, history, and society. Before applying, please review the scope of our collections. Priority is given to applicants who specify collections they plan to use.

All Eadington fellows will complete a residency at Special Collections and Archives and deliver a public talk (which is live streamed and recorded for the Libraries YouTube channel).

Awarded since 2007 and renamed in honor of William R. Eadington in 2013, the Eadington Fellowships are intended to foster scholarship focused on gambling issues and to encourage the use of the rare and unique collections at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Dr. Eadington (1946-2013) pioneered the academic study of gambling, both in Nevada and worldwide. He was the first holder of the Philip J. Satre chair in Gaming Studies, a professor of economics, and founding director of the Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR).

PROFILE of the UNLV University Libraries

As a strong partner in research and student learning, UNLV Libraries fosters critical thinking and lifelong learning at one of the nation's fastest growing universities. University Libraries comprises Lied Library and four branch libraries and we are a gateway to more than 80,000 electronic journals, 1.2 million volumes, and 1.4 million e-books. We welcome individuals with diverse backgrounds to join our growing organization of over 120 experienced faculty librarians, professionals, and staff members.

The primary mission of the Special Collections and Archives Division is to collect, preserve, provide discovery and access to, and promote, interpret, and instruct in the use of our materials. Special Collections and Archives documents the history, culture, and physical environment of the city of Las Vegas, the Southern Nevada region, the global gaming industry, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Our collections include manuscripts, books, photographs, periodicals, maps, architectural drawings, oral history interviews, media, the University archives, born-digital records, and other cultural artifacts. Significant collecting areas are: gaming and gambling (including an internationally recognized rare book collection of gaming history); regional community groups and organizations; the Nevada Women's Archive; Las Vegas
entertainment and the arts; Las Vegas and urban resort architecture; mining and railroads; the American West; the Hoover Dam; and the culinary arts (including an international menu collection).

The division is comprised of three departments: Special Collections Technical Services, Special Collections Public Services, and Digital Collections. It also includes the Libraries’ preservation unit and conservation lab, and two specialized academic research centers: the Center for Gaming Research and the Oral History Research Center.

COMMITMENT to DIVERSITY of the UNLV University Libraries

The successful candidate will demonstrate support for diversity, equity and inclusiveness as well as leading a respectful, positive work environment. The University Libraries values begin with our belief that everyone deserves a welcoming, inclusive, and equitable environment where they are treated with respect and dignity. The Libraries extends its commitment to diversity and equity in employment and especially welcomes applications from women, persons of color, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientation or gender identity, and others who contribute to diversification.

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SALARY

In the 2024-25 academic year, Special Collections & Archives will award two types of fellowships:

- Four-week resident fellowships offer a $3,000 stipend and can be completed any time before September 1, 2025.
- Two-week visiting fellowships offer a $1,500 stipend and must be completed by June 30, 2025.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the 2024-25 academic year, please submit the following by July 1:

- A cover letter briefly introducing yourself, indicating clearly whether you are applying for the resident or visiting Eadington fellowship, and when you would prefer to schedule your residency
- A short (2-3 page) description of the proposed research, with details on secondary research already done and sources to be used at UNLV
- A full curriculum vitae
- For graduate students, one letter of recommendation that evaluates your past research and current project

Email all application materials to Sarah Quigley, Director of Special Collections and Archives, at sarah.quigley@unlv.edu. The cover letter, research proposal, and vitae should be combined in a single pdf. The letter of recommendation should be submitted directly by the recommender. Successful applicants will be notified by August 2.
PROFILE of the UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1957, UNLV is a doctoral-degree-granting institution of approximately 30,000 students and more than 3,600 faculty and staff. To date, UNLV has conferred more than 152,000 degrees, producing more than 130,000 alumni around the world. UNLV is classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as an R1 research university with very high research activity. The university is committed to recruiting and retaining top students and faculty, educating the region's diversifying population and workforce, driving economic activity through increased research and community partnerships, and creating an academic health center for Southern Nevada that includes the launch of a new UNLV School of Medicine. UNLV is located on a 332-acre main campus and two satellite campuses in Southern Nevada.

Here at UNLV, we have come together and created one of the most affirmative and dynamic academic environments in the country. UNLV sits in the top spot in U.S. News & World Report's annual listing of the nation's most diverse universities for undergraduates. The university has ranked in the top ten since the rankings debuted more than a decade ago. We continue to show our commitment to serving our wonderfully diverse population and building the future for Las Vegas and Nevada.

For more information, visit us on line at: http://www.unlv.edu

EEO/AA STATEMENT

The University of Nevada - Las Vegas (UNLV) is committed to providing a place of work and learning free of discrimination on the basis of a person's age (40 or older), disability, whether actual or perceived by others (including service-connected disabilities), gender (including pregnancy related conditions), military status or military obligations, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, national origin, race (including hair texture and protected hairstyles such as natural hairstyles, afros, bantu knots, curls, braids, locks and twists), color, or religion (protected classes). Discrimination on the basis of a protected class, including unlawful harassment, which is a form of discrimination, is illegal under federal and state law. Where unlawful discrimination is found to have occurred, UNLV will act to stop the unlawful discrimination, to prevent its recurrence, to remedy its effects, and to discipline those responsible.

TITLE IX STATEMENT

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, does not discriminate on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that it operates. Non-discrimination on the basis of sex is mandated by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 et seq.) and the corresponding implementation regulations (34 C.F.R. Part 106). The University’s commitment to nondiscrimination in its education programs and activities extends to applicants for admission and employment. Inquiries concerning the application of these provisions may be referred to: Michelle Sposito, J.D., Title IX Coordinator, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Box 451062, Las Vegas, NV 89154-1062, Frank and Estella Beam Hall (BEH) Room 553, Telephone: (702) 895-4055; Email: titleixcoordinator@unlv.edu, or to The Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of Education, U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-1100; Telephone: 1-800-421-3481 FAX: 202-453-6012; TDD: 1-800-877-8339; Email: OCR@ed.gov; or to both.
Information pertaining to the University's grievance procedures and grievance process, including how to report or file a complaint of sex discrimination, how to report or file a formal complaint of sexual harassment, and how the University will respond can be found online at the Office of Equal Employment & Title IX webpage.

SAFETY AND SECURITY STATEMENT

UNLV is committed to assisting all members of the UNLV community in providing for their own safety and security. The Annual Security Report and Annual Fire Safety Report compliance document is available online.

JOB CATEGORY

Graduate Fellowship