

Guide to the William Thompson Collection on International Gaming

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Thompson, William Norman
Title:	William Thompson Collection on International Gaming
ID:	MS-00284
Date [inclusive]:	1928-1992
Physical Description:	7.81 Cubic Feet (24 boxes)
Physical Description:	7.08 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Materials in French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Serbian, Dutch, and German are indicated at the file level.
Abstract:	The William Thompson Collection on International Gaming dates from 1928 to 1992. The collection materials relate to gaming in the British Isles, Europe, South America, Central America, the Caribbean, and North America. The collection contains travel brochures, memorabilia, research notes for William Thompson's published works, reports on gaming statistics, and photographs and slides from his research trips.

Preferred Citation

William Thompson Collection on International Gaming, 1928-1996. MS-00284. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

William Thompson is professor emeritus of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He earned a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Missouri, Columbia in 1972. Before arriving at UNLV in 1980, Dr. Thompson taught at Western Michigan University from 1971 to 1980. He also taught abroad at Troy State University-European Campus from 1986 to 1987. His research interests include administrative behavior, political economy, public regulation of gaming, and ethics.

Dr. Thompson is a leading authority on the gaming industry. He wrote *Legalized Gambling: A Reference Handbook* in 1994 and *Native American Issues* in 1996. He also co-authored: *Casino Customer Service -- The WIN WIN Game* in 1992, *The Economic Impact of Native American Casinos in Wisconsin* in 1995, *The*

Social Cost of Gambling in Wisconsin in 1996, and *Crime and Casinos in Wisconsin* in 1996. Thompson has lectured extensively on the topic of international casinos and his articles on gaming have appeared in numerous publications, including a 45-article series for the *Las Vegas Sun* on world casinos.

Source: "William N. Thompson." Bloomberg. Accessed October 25, 2017. <https://www.bloomberg.com/research/stocks/people/person.asp?personId=30086985&privcapId=1601679>

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Scope and Contents Note

The William Thompson Collection on International Gaming dates from 1928 to 1992. The collection materials relate to gaming in the British Isles, Europe, South America, Central America, the Caribbean, and North America. The collection contains ephemera that includes travel brochures, maps, and memorabilia collected from casinos and resorts from around the world. There are also research notes for William Thompson's published works, reports on gaming statistics from selected countries, and photographs and slides from his research trips.

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

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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. Restrictions are noted at the file level of the inventory.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1987 and 2002 by William Thompson; accession numbers 1987-063 and 2002-023.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff in 2002. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Lindsay Oden revised and enhanced the collection description. Subsequently, Lindsay Oden entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2017, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Brooks Whittaker and Chris Bruce rehoused and arranged the materials, and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection: William Thompson Photographs, 1955-2002. PH-00327. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Gambling
- Gambling -- Law and legislation
- Casinos
- Gambling -- Regulation
- Photographs

Collection Inventory

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Barracuda Club, undated	box 01	folder 02
General Note: This folder's contents are missing as of December 22, 2014.		
The Berkeley Casino Club, Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland, undated	box 01	folder 03
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Blue Chip Club, Aberdeen, Scotland, undated	box 01	folder 05
Casanova Club, London, England, undated	box 01	folder 06
Charlie Chester Casino, London, England, undated	box 01	folder 07
Chevalier Casino, Dundee, Scotland, undated	box 01	folder 08
Clermont Club, London, England, undated	box 01	folder 09
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General Note: This folder's contents are missing as of December 22, 2014.		
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