

**Guide to the *Out of the Neon Closet: Queer
Community in the Silver State* records**

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	McBride, Dennis
Title:	<i>Out of the Neon Closet: Queer Community in the Silver State</i> records
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Abstract:	<i>Out of the Neon Closet: Queer Community in the Silver State</i> records (2007-2017) are comprised of Dennis McBride's research and working files for his book on the history of the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) community in Nevada. The records include correspondence from Dennis McBride to different publishers detailing his research. The collection also includes copies of his book proposal, peer reviews, manuscript drafts, and proofs.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Author and Director of the Nevada State Museum, Dennis McBride was born and raised in Boulder City, Nevada. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). He is well-known as an expert in the history of Hoover Dam and has written several histories of Boulder City. He has chronicled and collected the history of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community in Las Vegas since the late 1970s. His work culminated in the book *Out of the Neon Closet: Queer Community in the Silver State* published in 2017. He has worked as a curator of historical collections at the Boulder City Museum, the Historical Society, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Special Collections and Archives.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Material is arranged chronologically.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2017 by Dennis McBride; accession number 2017-163.

Processing Note

In 2019, Joyce Moore processed the physical papers and created the finding aid in ArchivesSpace. Tammi Kim transferred and processed the digital files; filenames were normalized and files were converted from various word processing formats to PDF/A.

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Names and Subjects

- Gay businessmen
- Gays -- Social life and customs -- Nevada -- 20th century
- Correspondence
- Gay liberation movement -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- 20th century

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Correspondence	
Huntington Press, 2008-2009	box 01
University of Nevada Press, 2009-2011 Physical Description: 4 Files	box 01
University of Nevada Press, 2012-2014 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 02
Baobab Press, 2014-2016	box 02
John L. Smith, 2015-2016	box 02
Manuscript proofs, 2016	box 02
Printed and bound proof, 2016	box 02
Manuscript drafts, research, proposals, 2007-2017	digital file 00