Guide to the Dennis McBride Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Creator: McBride, Dennis
Title: Dennis McBride Photograph Collection
ID: PH-00263
Date [inclusive]: approximately 1900 to 2018
Physical Description: 5.27 Cubic Feet (40 hanging folders, 3 boxes, 1 shared box, and 1 shared binder)
Physical Description: 4.96 Linear Feet
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The Dennis McBride Photograph Collection (approximately 1900-2018) contains over 4,500 individual photographic prints, negatives, and postcards that depict various events, people, and locations, across southern Nevada, particularly from the 1960s to the 1990s. The postcards depict a large number of hotels and casinos in cities throughout Nevada including Las Vegas, Tahoe, Reno, and Boulder City. The photographs depict a variety of events held at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Special Collections and Archives, local branches of the Las Vegas Public Library, and local community spaces and stores. The collection also includes a detailed list of photographs from lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) events taking place across Las Vegas from 1996 to 2018 including Pride parades, social gatherings in bars and nightclubs, holiday celebrations, and political marches and demonstrations.

Preferred Citation
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Biographical Note
Dennis McBride was born on January 13, 1955 and grew up in Boulder City, Nevada. He received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in English Literature from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). He is well-known as an expert in the history of Hoover Dam and has published several histories of Boulder
City. His books include *In the Beginning: A History of Boulder City, Nevada, Building Hoover Dam, An Oral History of the Great Depression* (with Andrew Dunbar), and *Midnight on Arizona Street: The Secret Life of the Boulder Dam Hotel*. McBride is also an authority on Nevada's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) history. He has chronicled and collected the history of the LGBTQ community in Las Vegas, Nevada since the late 1970s and authored *Out of the Neon Closet: Queer Community in the Silver State* and *LGBTQ Las Vegas*, a visual history of the LGBTQ community. He has worked as a curator of historical collections at the Boulder City Museum and Historical Society, UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives, and the Nevada State Museum. He was appointed Director of the Nevada State Museum in 2012.

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### Scope and Contents Note

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### Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.
Administrative Information

Access Note
Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note
Materials were donated by Dennis McBride in 1991 and 2019; accession numbers 1991-012 and 2019-064.

Processing Note
In 2020, Sarah Jones wrote the finding aid and entered it into ArchivesSpace.

Related Materials

Related Collections
The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection: LGBTQ Las Vegas records, approximately 2016-2017. MS-00965. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Names and Subjects

- Photographs
• Gay community
• Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
• Gay pride celebrations
• Boulder City (Nev.)
• Community activists -- Las Vegas (Nev.)