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Preservation, Archives, and Special Collections Section Report

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The Preservation, Archives, and Special Collections section had a fabulous conference at Fargo in October, Kudos go to out-going chair, Sha Li Zhang, for putting together such a wonderful line-up

The business meeting for the section was held at 7 am on October 4th . We discussed possibilities for the Tahoe conference program.

One program for the Tahoe conference has been submitted. It is:

Documenting a Culture of Chance: UNLV's Gaming Studies Research Center, presented by David G. Schwartz, Ph.D.

Gaming is one of the nation's largest entertainment industries, and one that produces a wealth of documents. Yet developing a collection of materials relating to gaming is a consistent challenge. At the University of Nevada Las Vegas, Lied Library maintains the world's largest collection of books about gambling, gambling-related periodicals, and manuscript collections dealing with gambling. This session will present an overview of the collection and electronic initiatives to present it to a wider audience, as well as some interesting and humorous observations about maintaining a collection of gambling materials in a university library.

I have also contacted the Center for Basque Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno to ask them to give some kind of program, but have yet to hear back.

I did contact the 'Collections, Automations, Preservation, Technical Services and Acquisitions section' of the Nevada Library Association to possibly team together for programming. Evidently, this is more of a technical services section and so it was decided that we should just work separately.