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Preservation, Archives, and Special Collections Section Report

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The Preservation, Archives, and Special Collections section has two great sessions lined up for the conference:

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.

And

Undressing the Basques: Stripping away Stereotypes, presented by Marcelino Ugalde, Center for Basque Studies, University of Nevada, Reno.

Basques are a unique culture. Information from the special collection at the Basque Studies Library will enlighten and inspire you to learn more about this unique heritage.

"Undressing the Basques" has been designated as a "Program of Special Interest" for the conference. Both programs will be held Thursday afternoon, "Gaming" at 12:30 to 2:00 and "Undressing" at 3:00 to 4:30. Both programs will be presented in Castle Peak A.

The Section's business meeting will be Thursday morning at 8 am in Castle Peak B.