

Preservation, Archives, and Special Collections Section Report, SE-5

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The Preservation, Archives, and Special Collections section has lined up two sessions for the Tahoe Conference and requested a business meeting time and location.

One program for the Tahoe conference 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.*

It will take place on Thursday afternoon from 12:30 – 2 pm.

The second program is:

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

*This program, which uses this year's theme for the conference rather well, will give an overview of the Basque culture from a unique special collection.*

This program will be on Thursday afternoon from 3-4:30 pm.

I do not know when the business meeting will take place yet.