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GPSA/CSUN Lobby Day Workshop

By Kimberly Florence, GPSA Treasurer

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In anticipation of the 79th Legislative Session, the GPSA Executive Board recently had a meeting with Luis Valera, UNLV's Vice President of Government Affairs and Compliance, to discuss how graduate and professional students can best advocate for higher education funding support with state legislators. As a result of this meeting, the E-Board discussed hosting a Lobby 101 Workshop. This workshop will be designed for both graduate/professional and undergraduate students to learn effective lobbying

Graduate & Professional Student Association 2016–2017 Council Meetings

UNLV Student Union Rooms 208 A, B & C
@ 2:00 – 3:30pm

Monday, December 5, 2016

Monday, February 6, 2017

Monday, March 6, 2017

Monday, April 3, 2017

These are open meetings—all are invited to attend

tactics and strategies to successfully attain state legislative support. The workshop, scheduled for December 8, 2016 in the afternoon, will serve as excellent training for the official GPSA Lobby Day to be held Spring 2017. The GPSA is planning on organizing a contingency of graduate and professional students to travel to Carson City for the Lobby Day where they will use the skills learned in the workshop to advocate and discuss the importance of graduate/professional education. Also on



2016–2017 GPSA Council

the Lobby Day the GPSA plans to hold an event for students to present their research to Nevada legislators. Please, look out for upcoming announcements ([https://www/unlv.edu/gpsa/getinvolved](https://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/getinvolved)) regarding the Lobby Day workshop. Student participation is critical. Together, we have the ability to improve educational outcomes for students at UNLV!

Don't miss out on GPSA Funding Opportunities GPSA Research and Conference Travel Sponsorships

Need funding for your research project or to present at a conference during the Spring 2017 semester? The Graduate & Professional Student Association (GPSA) offers graduate and professional students funding for research materials/travel and scholarly travel for conferences, externships, competitions, performances, etc. The application and more details are available at <http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/sponsorship-awards/sponsorships>. For the academic year 2016–2017, the GPSA has allocated \$110,000 for student research and conference travel. This year the Graduate College has contributed \$50,000 towards supplementing the Sponsorship program.

This fall semester, GPSA Vice President and Chair of the Sponsorship Committee Pat-

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Clear the Path to Victory!

Join with the Graduate & Professional Student Association

At the November 12th Rebel Football vs Wyoming Game!

Student ticket information is available at:
<http://www.unlvtickets.com/students/>

Date: Thursday, November 12th
Where: Sam Boyd Stadium—Meet on the westside of the Stadium by the Ticket office @ 12:10pm. Game starts 12:30pm. Text GPSA President Meghan Pierce if you need directions 702-595-9025. **Go Rebels!!**

GPSA Funding Opportunities *(continued from page 1)*

questions and answers on the Sponsorship application process. At each workshop, held at: the Law School, Dental School and at the Student Union, the GPSA provided pizza and drinks and provided information on how to submit a successful sponsorship application.

The deadline for applying for the Spring 2016 semester activities, falling between 12/18/16 - 5/13/17, is Tuesday, November 15th. Also available are emergency travel funding, *for conference presentation (must be presenting) or research travel only*. Emergency applications are due the 20th of each month. Check the GPSA website to see if you qualify.

Applicants *should* understand that this is a competitive application process. Students submitting funding requests should stringently follow the application components to ensure equitable footing. Incomplete or erroneously compiled applications will automatically be disqualified from the request pool.



Please submit proposals by Nov 11: Best Teaching Practices Expo

Call for Proposals: UNLV Best Teaching Practices Expo

Thursday, January 19, 2017

12:00 - 1:30 pm, Student Union Ballroom A

All members of UNLV's teaching community may submit a proposal for a poster or 6-slide presentation highlighting a teaching strategy that benefits UNLV students. Please email your proposed poster or 6 slides **by November 11** to mary-ann.winkelmes@unlv.edu. A selection committee will review proposals according to these criteria

- What evidence indicates this practice benefits UNLV students?
- Is this practice translatable across academic disciplines?
- Does the proposal offer resources for other UNLV instructors to adopt this practice?

UNLV Care Advocates Training Opportunity

CARE Advocates are student social justice leaders who provide interpersonal violence advocacy, educate the UNLV community through presentations, and create events to spread awareness for the purpose of reducing violence, empowering individuals, and fostering a victim/survivor centered environment through an intersectional feminist lens. Each advocate undergoes an intensive 35-hour training that prepares them for advocacy, presentations, activism and how to apply intersectionality to all of these disciplines. Trainings cover the different barriers clients of all identities may face, on and off campus resources, consent, safety planning, protection orders and how to promote a community free of interpersonal violence. We encourage you to actively participate in CARE events and incorporate training into your everyday life. Being a CARE Advocate is not just a volunteer position but a lifestyle of activism, education and support.

The next training dates are: January 2-15, 2017.

An application can be found on our website. Applications are due November 1st

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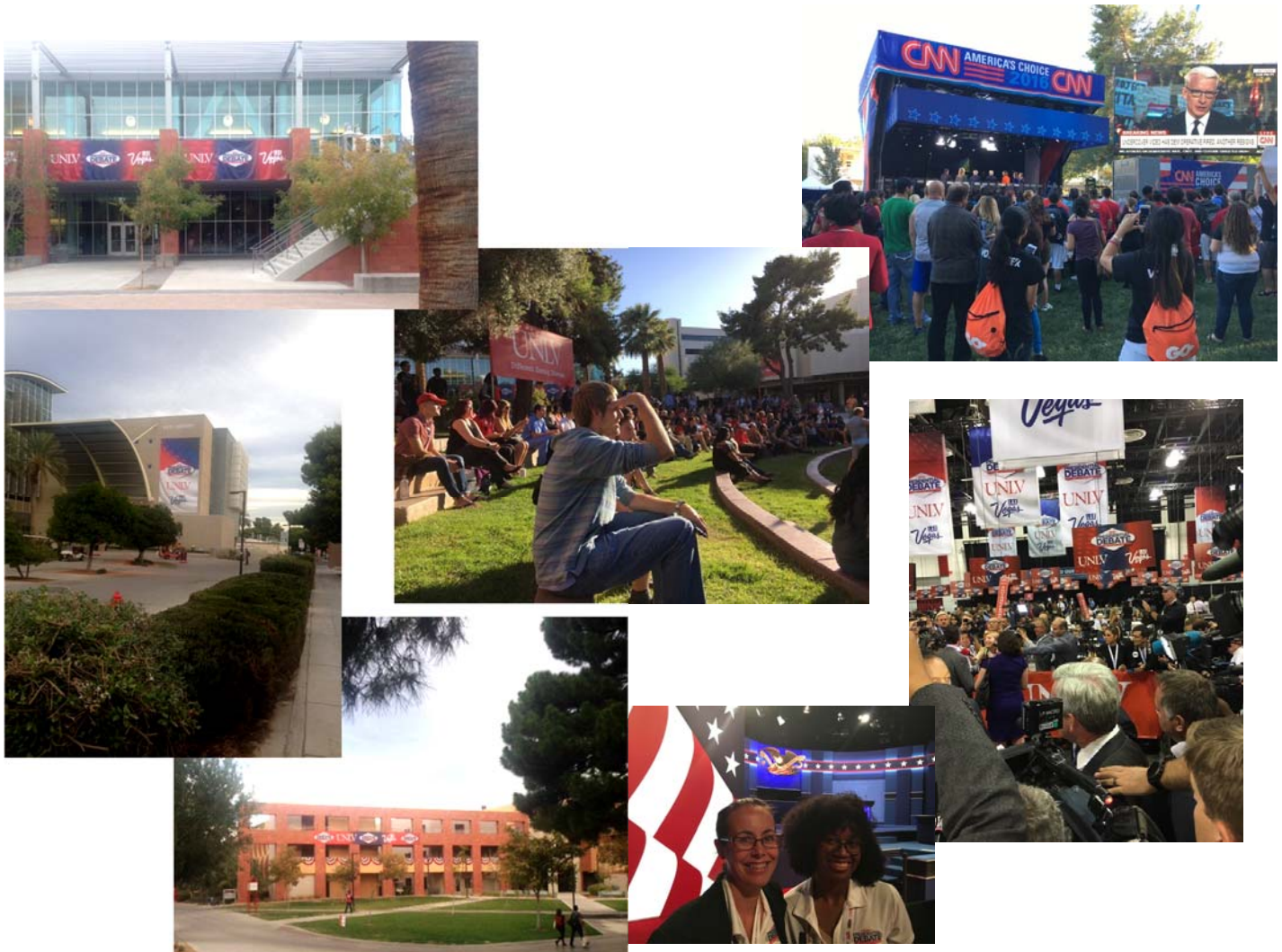
This information retrieved from: <https://www.unlv.edu/womenscenter/getinvolved>

Hosting the 2016 Presidential Debate

By

Kirk Askia Talib-deen, GPSA Secretary
Photos by Meghan Pierce, GPSA President

UNLV and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA) were given the distinct honor of hosting the last 2016 Presidential Debate for the upcoming election on October 19th. Along with the Las Vegas community, UNLV faculty, staff, and students this event was warmly embraced as seen by the welcome given the plethora of journalists from across the world. I would give an A plus to our university and the community on how we handled the event. Numerous students on campus were seen being interviewed by the media giving them the opportunity to voice their opinions, concerns, and sharing their hopes for the election's outcome. It also gave them a few seconds of fame, and hopefully they were able to meet or see their favorite media personality. However this election may end, and the direction this thing will go, I think UNLV hosting this year's election says so much about the opportunities that are ahead for those who are willing to engage and be proactive over the next for years. With the newly accredited Medical School set to start their first class next fall, I'm excited about the many changes happening at UNLV and the promises of more to come as we continue on our pathway to Top Tier.



UNLV

Home of the final 2016 Presidential Debates

Diversity Research and Mentorship Reception

By Kimberly Florence, GPSA Treasurer

On October 6th the GPSA partnered with the Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA) to host the Second Annual Diversity Research and Mentorship Reception, which was an Official Presidential Debate Event. This event involved the participation of both graduate students, faculty, and administrators. The reception commenced with a select number of students who were given the opportunity to present their research posters on topics related to diversity. The event then led to a panel of faculty and administrators, which consisted of Dr. Brandon Manning, Dr. Harriet Barlow, Dr. Tiffany Howard, Dr. Christine Clark, Dr. A.B. Wilkinson, and Dr. Anna C. Smedley who discussed important issues surrounding race, equality, education, and politics. Lastly, the audience was able to ask poignant questions of the panel. Overall, the event was successful and gave students the chance to connect with faculty and administrators across the UNLV campus. A special thanks is owed to the Graduate College and the Office of Diversity Initiatives for helping us to ensure this event was rewarding for all graduate students.

**Second Annual
Diversity, Research, and Mentorship
Reception**

Call for Poster Presentations
**ARE YOU CONDUCTING RESEARCH
INVOLVING DIVERSE POPULATIONS
OR CULTURES?**

Display your research poster in front of faculty, staff,
and students
OCTOBER 6, 2016 | SU BALLROOM C
11:30 AM- 1:30 PM
Submit your research abstract by Sept. 22, 2016
and RSVP at
bit.do/DRMR2016
For more event details please visit the GPSA website.





A Place to Study - Graduate Student Commons

Looking for a place to work on your group project, study for a test or write your thesis or dissertation? Come visit us in Graduate Student Commons, Lied Library room 2141. This state of the art facility is equipped with a copier, fax, flatbed scanners, color laser



Graduate Student Commons located on the 2nd floor of the Lied Library

printers, office supplies, 38 PCs, 6 Macs and wireless access, 5 large LCD touch screen panels, whiteboards, a small kitchen, and a meeting room for group study (reservations made with the office staff).

You can read your free copy of *The New York Times* provided by the GPSA on the comfortable couches. The GPSA has a plotter to print large posters for your conference presentations. The printing cost comes directly off of your RebelCard, \$11 a linear foot.

Graduate Student Commons Hours Lied Library room 2141

Monday—Thursday	7:30 am—11:00pm
Friday	7:30am — 7:00pm
Saturday	10:00am—6:00pm
Sunday	11:00am—11:00pm

Don't Miss Out—Stay Updated with GPSA & Campus News

- Check your UNLV RebelMail account for messages sent from the GPSA regarding news items that directly affect you!
- RAVE (**R**ebel **A**nnouncements **V**ia **E**-mail....) is a weekly electronic newsletter to keep you up-to-date with ongoing campus news and activities.
- Follow the GPSA on Facebook : <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/>



Fall 2016 Professional Development Workshops

Wednesday, November 9, 10:00am-11:30am; Graduate Student Commons, [LLB 2141](#)

Title IX Training

Mr. Barrett Morris, *Director of Compliance and Title IX Coordinator*

Topics of Discussion: What is Title IX? What is the responsibility of faculty when a student reports allegations of sexual harassment? What resources are available to faculty and students? What are the procedures for filing a formal complaint of discrimination or harassment?

Registration: <http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/development>.

Wednesday, November 9, 1:00pm-2:30pm; Graduate Student Commons, [LLB 2141](#)

Conflict Resolution

Panelists:

Mr. Phil Burns, UNLV Office of Student Conduct

Dr. Robert Correales, UNLV Boyd School of Law and University Ombuds

Dr. Kate Korgan, UNLV Graduate College Dean

Topics of Discussion: What kinds of conflicts arise in the university community? What are some strategies for addressing those conflicts? What formal processes are available for students, faculty and staff to address conflicts?

Registration: <http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/development>.



Friday, November 18, 10:00am-11:30am; Graduate Student Commons, [LLB 2141](#)

What Can You Do With That?: Translating a UNLV Graduate/Professional Degree to Employment Success in Las Vegas

Panelists:

Mr. Hernand Dela Cuesta, United Health Group, UNLV Healthcare Administration Program

Dr. Michael Gordon, Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance, UNLV Public Affairs Program

Mr. Nathan Harper, Springs Preserve, UNLV Anthropology Graduate

Dr. Camille McCue, Adelson Educational Campus, UNLV Curriculum and Instruction Graduate

Topics of Discussion: Many graduates of UNLV graduate or professional degree programs find employment outside of academia in the Las Vegas community. A panel of four former UNLV graduate students from varied fields share their experiences and tips for making a successful transition from graduate student life to local employment.

Registration: <http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/development>.

Graduate College - Graduation Deadlines for Fall 2016

Saturday, November 19, 2016

Last day to take comprehensive exam, or to defend your thesis or dissertation.

Monday, November 28, 2016

Last day to submit the final, properly formatted hard copy of your thesis or dissertation to the Graduate College for final format review; all final exam results and final documents must be submitted to the Graduate College by this date.

Friday, December 9, 2016

Last day for electronic submission of final thesis/dissertation to the Graduate College. All final, properly formatted hard-copies of theses, dissertations and doctoral projects are due by this date.

Monday, December 12, 2016

Last day for electronic submission of final thesis/dissertation (with formatting pre-approved by the Graduate College) to ProQuest.

Tuesday, December 17, 2016

UNLV Commencement at the Thomas and Mack Center—9:00am. Commencement hotline: 702-895-3229.

For more information on thesis and dissertation formatting visit: <http://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/thesis>

Exciting Changes for the Campus

Christain Seabrook, Department of Economics GPSA Representative

Here is a quick rundown of current University of Nevada Las Vegas development projects on and around campus:

A new parking building opened on campus on October 10, 2016 though it still has a bit more construction remaining to be done. If you have parked there since it opened, just in time for the President Debate, you may have noticed an engineer or two taking measurements and installing odds and ends. Before long, the steel gray facade will include retail space within the 6-story structure. Mock ups of the finished design were included in a December, 2014, *Las Vegas Review Journal* article in when it was approved. The write up included opinions about the University's use of funds. The \$18,000,000 construction cost has been fronted by the developer Frank Marretti. For this, UNLV will pay \$1,300,000 per year, for 20 years (an effective interest rate of 3.8%). More details are included in the online article but it's hard to argue against more parking for the campus community.



UNLV's new Parking Garage located on Maryland Parkway

Other UNLV construction:

New apartments for UNLV students in the "U DISTRICT" along the north side of campus. After nearly 60 years, University Park Apartments are no more, making it an end of an era.

The Thomas & Mack Center is getting a touch up with a \$72 million fine brush. Stadiums are expensive. We as a community recently approved financing \$750 million toward a \$2.2 billion stadium for 10 home football games.

The Medical School is getting an interim teaching facility at UNLV's Shadow Lane Campus.

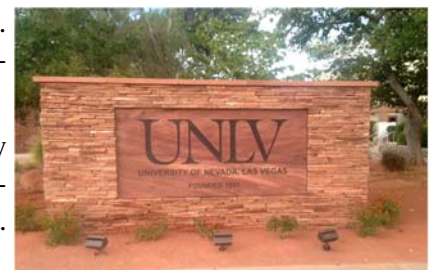
Last, but clearly not least, Hospitality Hall. Smack dab in the heart of campus, it was created to house UNLV's William F. Harrah's College of Hotel Administration and designed to model Las Vegas's most attractive hotel properties. The new crown jewel of our campus will include a state of the art teaching kitchen, student run café, custom designed bathrooms, and hotel rooms to boot. The Hospitality Hall was financed in part by UNLV's partners in the project: Caesars, MGM, and others, who rely on UNLV to supply them with a steady stream of interns and managers.



The new Hospitality Hall housing the William F. Harrah's College of Hotel Administration

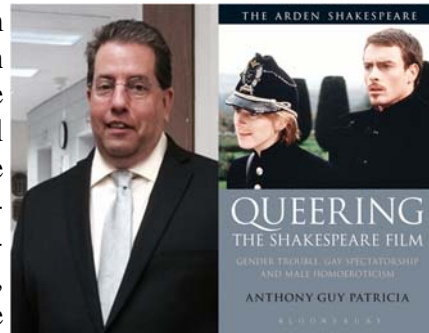
Angela Ramsey, the Director of Communications at the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration, says "We're very pleased [with the building]. It will propel us to the next level. It allows us to double down on hospitality education."

And it seems like a smart bet, as a Hospitality Degree from UNLV is a nationally ranked program. With the services sector outpacing manufacturing among western economies, UNLV will continue to churn out the highest quality graduates. They will become critical assets within companies at home and abroad.



Brown Bag Lunch with UNLV English PhD Alumnus, Dr. Tony Patricia

Join the GPSA on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 from 11:30am to 12:30pm in the Graduate Student Commons, [LLB](#) 2141, for a brown bag lunch with Dr. Anthony Patricia, UNLV Ph.D., English, May 2014. Dr. Patricia will be talking about his experiences working through the master's and doctoral programs in UNLV's Department of English. He will also be discussing the genesis of his dissertation and the transformation of that project into a monograph called *Queering the Shakespeare Film: Gender Trouble, Gay Spectatorship and Male Homoeroticism* (London: Bloomsbury Arden Shakespeare, 2016). Following a brief reading from *Queering the Shakespeare Film*, there will be a question and answer session with Dr. Patricia.



GPSA 2016 Awards—December 6th Nomination Deadline

Do you know an outstanding member of the graduate and professional student community??

Consider nominating them for one of the 2016 awards!!



The GPSA Service Award acknowledges up to three graduate and/or professional students per academic year. These students have displayed outstanding performance through their dedication and service to both the UNLV and the Las Vegas Community.

Application Deadline: December 6. Monetary Award: \$300.00

The GPSA Merit Award recognizes up to three graduate and/or professional students per academic year. These students have proven themselves to be outstanding scholars in their field.

Application Deadline: December 6. Monetary Award: \$300.00

The GPSA Distinguished Contribution Award recognizes up to three awards for service to graduate and professional students each academic year from the following categories: UNLV Administration, Faculty, and Staff. This award bestows formal recognition upon devoted supporters of graduate and professional students.

Application Deadline: December 6. Monetary Award: None

The GPSA Outstanding Mentor Award recognizes up to three UNLV faculty or mentors from the community per academic year. These mentors are people who have demonstrated continued success in preparing graduate and professional students for academia.

Application Deadline: December 6. Monetary Award: None

Recognition is given at the annual Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum. For application and more information about GPSA awards, please call 702-895-2261 or visit the GPSA website:

<http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/sponsorship-awards>

Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum - April 8, 2017

Please Join us as we celebrate the excellence of UNLV's Graduate and Professional Student Research at the Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum Saturday, **April 8, 2017** from 9:00am—12:00pm Presentations; 12:00 – 2:00pm Program / Luncheon in the UNLV Student Union 2nd Floor. This event provides students representing colleges throughout the campus the opportunity to share their research with the UNLV community. The majority of the participants in this event are recipients of GPSA funding. This funding assists in the advancement of their scholarly pursuits. Morning refreshments and lunch will be served. Awards will be given at the close of the event to recognize outstanding presentations.

More information about this event can be found at: <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/forum/>

Noteworthy UNLV Dates

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<http://gpsa.unlv.edu/>

Information and dates of
UNLV student activities can
be found at:
<http://activities.unlv.edu/>

Attend UNLV athletic events
for free, more information:
[http://www.unlvtickets.com/
students/](http://www.unlvtickets.com/students/)

November 7 GPSA Council meeting. 2:00pm—3:00pm, Student Union rooms 208 A, B & C

November 9 Veteran's Day Walk/Run to Remember—Valarie Pida Plaza @ 8:00am

November 11 Veterans Day Recess

November 12 UNLV Football vs. Wyoming. Sam Boyd Stadium @ 12:30pm. Student tickets are available the week of the game starting online at unlvtickets.com/students on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. or in person at the Thomas & Mack Center Box Office at 10:00 a.m. on Monday morning prior to the game. The RTC has two separate bus routes that offer convenient and fast service to Sam Boyd Stadium on gamedays! For information on Transit Fares and Passes through RTC go [here](#).

November 15 Brookings Mountain West Lecture Series: Growth without (Emissions) Grow: State Progress and Drift on Decoupling @ the Greenspun Hall Auditorium @ 6:00pm

November 15 Women's Basketball: UNLV vs. Houston @ the Cox Pavilion

November 24—25 Thanksgiving Recess

December 5 GPSA Council meeting. 2:00pm—3:00pm, Student Union rooms 208 A, B & C

December 17 UNLV Winter 2016 Commencement @ the Thomas & Mack Center - 9:00am



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COFFEE & BAGELS

Graduate Student Commons
Lied Library room 2141



from 7:30am – 10:00am
and 4:00pm – 6:00pm

during last week of instruction:
December 5 – 9th, 2016

(Available until refreshments are exhausted)

Graduating this semester???

UNLV Winter 2016 Commencement

Thomas & Mack Center

December 17, 2016 @ 9:00am

Graduating students interested in speaking at the 2016 winter Commencement. Online applications are available at: <http://commencement.unlv.edu/speaker.html>. Competition deadline is Monday, November 7th @ 11:59pm. For more information please call

Joseph Dagher @ 702-895-3201.

More information available : <http://commencement.unlv.edu/>

