



Guide to the Art Wolf Professional Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Wolf, Art
Title:	Art Wolf Professional Papers
ID:	MS-01168
Date [inclusive]:	1988 to 2018
Physical Description:	6.30 Cubic Feet (11 boxes)
Physical Description:	5.67 Linear Feet
Physical Description:	2,827 Digital Files (3.340 GB) data, dll, dmb, dxr, exe, htm, ico, inf, lib, lst, mmm, mov, mp3, pdf, pfb, pfm, reg, rsrc, shlib, txt, x32
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Art Wolf Professional Papers (1988-2018) document the career of museum professional and consultant Art Wolf who specialized in supporting cultural heritage of indigenous communities, particularly in the Southwest and Las Vegas, Nevada. Materials document Wolf's work with the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) as a board member, in conference planning, and as a Study Leader for Smithsonian Associates Study Tours. Also included are materials that represent Wolf's involvement as an alumni of the Leadership Las Vegas program and director of the Nevada State Museum. The collection includes some ephemera and invitations to different events held in Las Vegas, Nevada that Wolf was invited to. The collection also includes examples of unsuccessful bids for consultancy jobs through WOLF Consulting and his files as a master's thesis adviser for the Museum Studies program at Harvard Extension School.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Arthur H. "Art" Wolf was born on June 18, 1953 in New Rockford, North Dakota. Wolf was a lifelong anthropologist and humanist dedicated to exploring and discovering the natural environment around him. He earned a BA in Anthropology at the University of Nebraska in 1975 and an MA in Anthropology and Museum Studies at the University of Arizona in 1977. Wolf held curatorial and director positions for several museums in the western region of the US including the School of American Research in Santa Fe, New Mexico, the Millicent Rogers Museum in Taos, New Mexico, the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff, Arizona, and the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Montana. He also worked extensively in Las Vegas, Nevada as the director of the Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, and was the founding director of the National Atomic Testing Museum.

In 2004, Wolf created WOLF Consulting where he offered consultancy services to the cultural heritage sector based on his years of experience and service for different cultural heritage organizations. WOLF Consulting included clients throughout the United States and abroad in Qatar and Kuwait. Wolf worked closely with indigenous communities and was a part of the National Planning Council for the Sustaining and Advancing Indigenous Cultures project of the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums. He was also an active member of the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) and served on several committees overseeing AAM's governance and conference planning. Wolf was also a thesis advisor for candidates in the Museum Studies program for Harvard Extension School from 2007 to 2013.

Art Wolf passed away after a brief illness on February 14, 2021. He is survived by his wife and partner, Holly M. Chaffee.

Sources:

"Arthur H. Wolf, 1953-2021," *Santa Fe New Mexican*, April 2, 2021. <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/santafenewmexican/name/arthur-wolf-obituary?id=7637670>.

"Arthur H. Wolf, Founder & Principal biography," WOLFConsulting.us, July 2018. <https://web.archive.org/web/20190407021953/https://www.wolfconsulting.us/about-us/>

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Arrangement

Materials remain in the order which they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research, with the exception of materials that are restricted to protect personally identifiable information. Restrictions are noted at the box level of this inventory and will be open for research user on January 1, 2085. Arrangements must be made in advance to access digital files; please contact UNLV Special Collections and Archives for additional information.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Holly M. Chaffee in 2023; accession number 2023-086.

Appraisal

Acquired by Su Kim Chung, curator, as part of UNLV Special Collections and Archives holdings on the southwest and Las Vegas. All material that formed the original gift has been retained.

Processing Information

In 2024, Tammi Kim reboxed the materials and created the finding aid in ArchivesSpace. Digital files were transferred off of six optical discs that represent interactive CD-ROM programs

that can be executed by a computer. The discs are described in the inventory and the digital files remain in their original formats in order to preserve the functionality of the interactive CD-ROM programs.

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Names and Subjects

- Museum studies
- Consultants
- Archaeology
- Anthropology
- American Alliance of Museums
- Smithsonian Associates

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
American Alliance of Museums (AAM) conference programs and directories, travel itineraries, correspondence, and Art Wolf's notes from presentations, 1993 to 2014	box 01 box 02
2007 AAM Chicago interactive CD-ROMs with conference presentation recordings, programs, and exhibitors list, 2007 (MS_01168_001-006) Physical Description: 2,827 Digital Files (3.340 GB) data, dll, dmb, dxr, exe, htm, ico, inf, lib, lst, mmm, mov, mp3, pdf, pfb, pfm, reg, rsrc, shlib, txt, x32 Access Note: The contents of the interactive CD-ROM programs are organized into six folders. The executable programs can be accessed through running the StartCD.exe file program that is located in each folder. At this time, the digital files are accessible through the UNLV Special Collections and Archives reading room only. Arrangements must be made in advance to access digital files; please contact Special Collections and Archives for additional information.	digital file 00
AAM Board of Directors correspondence, meeting agendas, memoranda, board orientation book, financial statements, and audit reports, 1994 to 1997	box 04
AAM Board of Directors, committee, and governance memoranda, meeting agendas, and correspondence, 1994 to 1996 Physical Description: 4 Files	box 03
Maps, tour guides, and brochures from AAM host cities, approximately 1992 to 2018	box 03

Smithsonian Associates Study Tours of indigenous communities in the Southwest, 1988 to 1990 Physical Description: 4 Files	box 03
Smithsonian Associates Study Tours of indigenous communities in the Southwest, 1990 to 1992	box 05
Home video from Art Wolf's first Smithsonian Study Tour of the Southwest, 1988 Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes	box 09
Invitations, brochures, program guides, and other ephemera for cultural events and exhibitions in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1990 to 2013 Physical Description: 12 Files	box 06
Thank you letters sent to Art Wolf and Holly Chaffee, 2005 to 2017	box 06
Leadership Las Vegas alumni directories, event programs, certificates, photographic prints, and graduation video tape, 1990 to 2014 Physical Description: 4 Files Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes	box 06 box 09
Nevada State Museum and Historical Society National Heritage Fellows performance series planning, correspondence, research, and audio of performances, 1991 Physical Description: 1 Files Physical Description: 7 Audio Cassettes	box 07 box 09
WOLF Consulting unsuccessful proposals for consultancy bids, 2003 to 2009 Physical Description: 30 Files	box 07
WOLF Consulting unsuccessful proposals for consultancy bids, 2009 to 2016 Physical Description: 22 Files	box 08
<i>Welcome Las Vegas/Clark County</i> hotel guide book with "Art Wolfe" inscribed on the cover, 1992	box 08
Harvard Extension School Museum Studies student thesis and adviser files, 2007 to 2013 Restricted: Materials in Boxes 10 and 11 are restricted due to personally identifiable information. Materials will be open for research use on January 1, 2088.	box 10 box 11