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## Degrees

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**Ph.D.**, United States History  
University of California, Los Angeles

**Master of Arts** in American History,  
University of Pennsylvania

**Bachelor of Arts** in Anthropology  
and History, *magna cum laude*  
University of Pennsylvania

## Biography

**Dr. David G. Schwartz** directs the [Center for Gaming Research](#) and teaches history at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, writes articles and books, and only occasionally pines for his days working as Mr. Peanut on the Atlantic City Boardwalk. His research interests include gambling and casinos, Las Vegas, tourism, and games.

He is currently a contributor to [Forbes.com](http://Forbes.com), and has been writing about Las Vegas, casinos, and gaming since 2002 for a variety of outlets.

An Atlantic City native and former casino employee, Schwartz has written books about the development of casinos ([Suburban Xanadu](#)), the Wire Act ([Cutting the Wire](#)), gambling history ([Roll the Bones](#)), Las Vegas casino builder Jay Sarno ([Grandissimo](#)), and Atlantic City ([Boardwalk Playground](#)). He has also edited collections of essays and oral histories.

His non-fiction writing has won seven Nevada Press Association awards, and he was named the 2014 Trippies Las Vegas [Person of the Year](#) in recognition of his contributions to the study of gambling and Las Vegas—and perhaps his tasty artisanal nut butters. In his neighborhood, he is better known for his macarons.

Schwartz has taught courses in colleges of Liberal Arts, Hospitality, Business, and Honors across three universities; topics include United States history, casino history, Las Vegas, video game history, and creative non-fiction. He has also delivered more than 290 guest lectures, conference presentations, and community talks.

He has served on several groups, including the Nevada Gaming Policy Committee, the Museum of Gambling History's Board of Advisors, the CDC Gaming Reports Advisory Board, and the National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement (Mob Museum) advisory board, and has reviewed manuscripts for several presses and journals.

Schwartz lives in Henderson, Nevada, where he likes to play video games with his kids.