

The Southern Nevada Mechanical Engineer



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UNLV's Dr. William Thompson to Provide Perspective on Future of Gaming in Las Vegas

Some of the successes of Las Vegas as a tourist destination will be discussed. The question of whether or not this success will continue with the development of new properties and jurisdictions will then be examined.

Background on Speaker

Professor Thompson has been at UNLV since 1980 and does research about the implications of gambling for governmental entities. He is the author of the book "Legalized Gambling, A Reference Handbook," as well as several other books. He was a consultant to the President's Commission on Organized Crime and has been a guest on several TV programs, including: The Today Show, 48 Hours, The McNeil-Leher Hour, Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous, and Crossfire. This is sure to be a memorable Winter Dinner Meetings. Don't miss it!



The Graebels, Stixruds, O'Tooles, Georgia Stergios and Mrs. Pepper pose for the camera at last year's Dinner Meeting.

Washington, DC Internships Available for Undergraduate Engineering Students

The ASME is again sponsoring a student for participation in the 1998 Washington Internships for Students of Engineering (WISE) program. Up to eighteen engineering students entering their final year of undergraduate studies will be elected to spend ten weeks in the summer of 1998 in Washington, DC. During their internship they will learn how government officials make decisions on complex technological issues and how engineers can contribute to legislative and regulatory public policy decisions.

For ten weeks, the students interact with leaders in the Congress and White House administration, industry, and prominent non-governmental organizations. Meetings with congressional committees, executive office departments, and corporate government affairs offices are daily activities. In addition, each student researches and completes a paper on a current engineering related public policy issue of interest to the sponsoring engineering society.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE 1998 SUMMER PROGRAM MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 19, 1997. For more information, see the government relations home page (<http://www.asme.org/gric/programs.html>) or contact: Anne Hickox, (412)776-4841, x7476, e-mail: anne@sae.org.

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★ Winter Dinner Meeting ★

★ Nellis AFB Officers' Club ★

The Future of Las Vegas: Is There Life after Belagio?

Dr. William Thompson
Professor of Public Administration
UNLV College of Business

Tuesday, December 9

Social at 6:15 p.m.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Entrees:

Chicken Oscar with Hollandaise Sauce
or

Roast Rib of Choice Beef, Au Jus w/
Fresh Horseradish Sauce

\$17 - Students \$12

Please RSVP by December 4

Call 295-4591 or 259-8143

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**SYSTEMS ENGINEERING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
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Systems engineering, or engineering of systems, is becoming increasingly important to developing competitive products in today's markets. The systems engineering approach can improve the effectiveness of engineers in all disciplines. The UNLV Systems Engineering Certificate Program consists of 5 courses which may be taken in any sequence after the Introduction. It is possible to obtain the certificate in two years. The following two courses are offered in the coming Spring Semester:

Systems Engineering Introduction and Management

Tues. and Thurs., 6-9 pm, February 3 to 15 (5 sessions)[Cost \$245. plus Textbook]

System Verification (*Prerequisite: Systems Engineering Introduction and Management*)

Thurs, 6-9 pm, February 26 to April 30 (10 sessions)[Cost \$320.]

The other three courses are: System Concepts Development and Selection, System Requirements Definition and Analysis, and System Design and Integration.

For a brochure please contact Dr. Ovadia Lev, INCOSE Certificate Program Coordinator, at (702) 295-4029, or e-mail (ovadia_lev@notes.ymp.gov). You may also contact UNLV at 895-1020 (for Information), or 895-3394 (for Registration).

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