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Recent News

[NSGC launches Responsible Gaming cards for VLT's](#)

July 08, 2009. Gaming Intelligence.

[Non-profits still hopeful they can keep VLTs; Province cutting VLTs from 2,650 to 2,000 as part of new gambling strategy](#)

July 07, 2009. Times and Transcript.

[Keith Whyte of the National Council on Problem Gambling speaks up](#)

July 08, 2009. Online Casino Advisory.

[Oxford Prof says "Online" the danger to kids in "online gambling"](#)

July 04, 2009. Online Casino Advisory.

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Featured Research

[Gambling as a public health issue: The critical role of the local environment](#)

Marshall, D. (2009).

This paper discusses gambling as a public health concern and outlines why local circumstances are central to such concerns. Using the framework of compositional and contextual factors to frame discussions, it is argued that the local circumstances of individuals and communities are critical to whether gambling activity is problematic. Unlike other similar public health issues for which there are clear parameters defining what is a problem and how severe the problem is, it is argued here that gambling-related problems are determined almost entirely by the circumstances in which the activity is occurring. As such, strategies designed to prevent or minimise gambling-related problems should target the local contextual environment and not just focus on the gamblers themselves, as has tended to occur to date.

## Call for Papers, Grant Proposals, RFPs, and Nominations

### [Call for Papers: National Association for Gambling Studies 19th Annual Conference](#)

Prospective presenters are invited to submit proposals to present at the 19th Annual National Association for Gambling Studies Conference. The conferences attract and welcome national and international presentations from the full spectrum of speakers, ranging from internationally renowned experts to students giving their first academic presentation. The aim of the conference is to be an international forum for discussion on all areas of gambling research.

Deadline for submissions is July 31st, 2009.

## Upcoming Events

### [2009 Midwest Conference on Problem Gambling and Substance Abuse](#)

August 12 - 14, 2009 - St. Louis, Missouri, USA

### [Gambling and Addictions Symposium 2009](#)

September 3 - 4, 2009 - Montréal, Quebec, Canada

### [Gambling, Gender and Society International Research Conference](#)

September 24, 2009 - Helsinki, Finland

### [27th Annual Statewide Conference on Compulsive Gambling](#)

September 25, 2009 - Princeton, New Jersey, USA

### [Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation's Responsible Gambling Conference 2009](#)

October 5 - 6, 2009 - Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

### [NCRG Conference on Gambling and Addiction](#)

November 15 - 17, 2009 - Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

### [National Association for Gambling Studies 19th Annual Conference](#)

November 18 - 20, 2009 - Canberra, ACT, Australia

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