



## Welcome from the Chair

The English Department held its first in-person Convocation Ceremony in May 2023 after three years of online and Zoom convocations. Palpable energy and excitement was felt in Rodey Theatre since we could once again gather and celebrate the achievement of our students face to face with pomp and circumstance. We had an excellent alumni speaker, Brian Jones (class of 1989), who, with his BA in English, became the biographer of some major American cultural icons, publishing five best-selling books. We recorded the entire ceremony, which can be viewed on our [YouTube channel](#) and on our [website](#). Congratulations to all of the recent graduates! We encourage you all to keep in touch, as we greatly enjoy celebrating the many accomplishments of our students, faculty, and alumni/ae through our [newsletters](#) and [blog](#). If you would like to feature your accomplishments in our next newsletter as well as on our [website](#), please fill out and submit [this form](#) for our [Alumni Spotlight](#), or email us at [english@unm.edu](mailto:english@unm.edu).



Anita Obermeier

## Faculty News

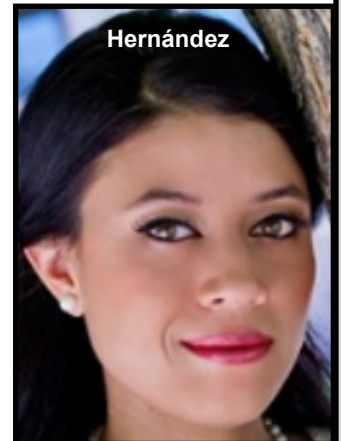
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**Bethany Davila's**, Associate Professor of Rhetoric & Writing, article, "White Language Supremacy in Course Descriptions," was published in the June 2022 issue of *College Composition and Communication*.

**Marissa Greenberg**, Associate Professor of British & Irish Literature, published essay on "Caucusing in the Online Literature Classroom," co-written with Dr. Elizabeth Williamson, in *Teaching Literature in the Online Classroom*, edited by John Miller and Julie Wilhelm (New York: MLA, 2022).

Hernández



**Bernadine Hernández**, Associate Professor of American Literary Studies, published her first book monograph titled, *Border Bodies: Racialized Sexuality, Sexual Capital, and Violence in the Nineteenth Century Borderlands* with the University of North Carolina Press. She received three grants for her second book project titled, *Chicana Marxism*.

Greenberg



## Faculty News (Continued)



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**Bernadine Hernández** additionally received the 2022 Latin American Studies Library Access Grant, was a recipient of the WeR1 SuRF 2022 Program, received a UNM Center for Regional Studies Faculty Development Grant, and received the 2021-2022 Adobe Digital Literacy Innovation Award for the multimodal assignments in her English 363: Inter-American Literature class.

**Matthew Hofer**, Professor of American Literary Studies, published a monograph titled, *Omnicompetent Modernists: Poetry, Politics, and the Public Sphere*.

Myers



**Gail Turley Houston**, Professor of British & Irish Literature, edited four volumes of primary documents on the topic of *Hunger and Famine in the Long Nineteenth Century* (Routledge).

**Daniel Mueller**, Professor of Creative Writing, published his flash creative nonfiction piece, "Ground School" in the October issue of the online journal *Pithead Chapel*.

**Lisa Myers**, Lecturer in Medieval Studies, published her article "Lazamon's Giants of Albion: The Anxiety of Erasure in Post-Conquest England" in *Medieval Perspectives*.



Obermeier

**Anita Obermeier**, Professor of Medieval Studies, delivered the keynote address at the AWL Online International Conference, "Medicine in the Mirror of Arabic and World Literature," hosted by Andromeda Publishing in Egypt. Obermeier presented, "Childless Queen or Sterile King: Infertility as Disability."



Houston



Mueller

## Graduate Student News



**Kalila Bohsali**, PhD student in American Literary Studies, received the Core Writing Teaching Award for Outstanding Core Writing Instructor.

**Sara Flores**, PhD student in Medieval Studies, was awarded a 2022 New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) Graduate Scholarship for Underrepresented Students.

**Emily Graves**, MFA student, received the Core Writing Teaching Award for Best 1120 Sequence.

**Amanda Kooser**, MFA student, received the Core Writing Teaching Award for Best 2120 Sequence.

**Misty Thomas**, PhD student in Rhetoric and Writing, received the Core Writing Teaching Award for Best 2210 Sequence.

**Leo Williams**, MFA student, received the Core Writing Teaching Award for Outstanding New Writing Instructor.

**Sarah Worland**, PhD student in American Literary Studies, received the Core Writing Teaching Award for Outstanding Peer Mentor.

## 2021/2022 Graduates

**David Bommarito**, MA Rhetoric & Writing

**Jennifer Conn**, MFA Poetry

**Darren Donate**, MFA Poetry

**Amarlie Foster**, MFA Fiction

**Seth Garcia**, MFA Poetry

**Michelle Gurule**, MFA Nonfiction

**Michael Hodock**, MA Literature

**Lily Intong**, MA Rhetoric & Writing

**Rachel Johnson**, MFA Fiction

**Jane Kalu**, MFA Fiction

**Stefan Koekemoer**, MA Medieval Studies

**Gerard Lavin**, PhD BILS

**Laurie Lowrance**, PhD ALS

**Stacy Lunsford**, MA Rhetoric & Writing

**Gabrielle Marquez**, MA Literature

**Jasmine McSparren**, MA Literature

**Mario Montoya**, MFA Nonfiction

**Emily Murphy**, MA Literature

**Cynthia Padilla Rodgers**, MA Literature

**Lauren Perry**, PhD ALS

**David Puthoff**, PhD ALS

**Rebekah Rendon**, MA Literature

**Katherine Walker**, MA Literature

## Emeriti/ae & Alumni/ae News



**Solana Armijo**, alumna who recently graduated with a BA in English and German, received the Fulbright U.S. Student Program Award of a teaching assistantship in Germany.

**David Dunaway**, Professor Emeritus of Creative Writing, published his new volume, *Researching Route 66: A Bibliography*, which Dunaway co-published with Dr. Stephen Mandrogoc. Dunaway's interest in route 66 has also been recognized by the National Endowment for the Humanities, which just awarded him and associates a grant to train teachers on the world's most famous road.



**Lauren Perry-Rummel**, American Literary Studies PhD alumna published a chapter titled, "Teaching Animal Texts: American Environmental Literature's Ability to Connect Students to Animals and Wildlife through Observation" in a collection titled, *Ecopedagogies: Practical Approaches to Experiential Learning*, edited by Ellen Bayer and Judson Byrd Finley (Routledge 2022).



**Hugh Witemeyer**, who joined our English Department Faculty in 1973, unfortunately passed away in May 2022. Witemeyer enjoyed staying heavily involved: serving as president of the AAUP twice, sitting on the board for choosing Rhodes Scholars, and serving on the D.H. Lawrence board to promote this important New Mexican treasure in Taos. Witemeyer also highlighted the outstanding achievements of two famous English Department graduates, Leslie Marmon Silko and Robert Creeley, and drove UNM to grant these two authors honorary Doctorate degrees. Witemeyer was awarded Fulbright professorships twice, and edited several volumes of letters and other writings by the poets Ezra Pound, William Carlos Williams, William Butler Yeats, and Charles Tomlinson. He also published selections of the letters of Senator Bronson Cutting of New Mexico and the renowned publisher James Laughlin, and published numerous critical articles in specialized scholarly periodicals. Witemeyer will be missed dearly by all who knew him.

Find out more about the accomplishments of our alumni/ae on our [Alumni Spotlight Page](#). We'd love to share your news and accomplishments in our next newsletter, please complete and submit [this form](#) with an update and any relevant photos.

## Giving Opportunities

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