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UNM Indigenous People's Land and Territory Acknowledgement

Founded in 1889, the University of New Mexico sits on the traditional homelands of the Pueblo of Sandia. The original peoples of New Mexico - Pueblo, Navajo, and Apache - since time immemorial, have deep connections to the land and have made significant contributions to the broader community statewide. We honor the land itself and those who remain stewards of this land throughout the generations and also acknowledge our committed relationship to Indigenous peoples. We gratefully recognize our history.

Developed by the Special Assistant for American Indian Affairs to the UNM President in consultation with the Native American Faculty Council. Approved and adopted by President Garnett S. Stokes, February 2020

Art by Jennifer Ober
Convocation Speaker
Dr. Gail Turley Houston
Graduate Awards and Scholarships
2022-2023 Russell J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Education Foundation Fellowship
Congratulations to
Tania Balderas, Sunnie Clahchischiligi and Emma Mincks
2022 Larry Morris Memorial Scholarship
Congratulations to Vera Clyne

Based on the strength, originality, and significance of Clyne’s proposal, the Larry Morris Memorial Scholarship board decided to expand the funding this year to include a $1,250 2nd place award for Vera to help pay tuition fees and support the completion of her book.
Susan Deese-Roberts
Outstanding Teaching Assistants of the Year Award
Congratulations to Jessie Bonafede
Departmental Awards
Buchanan-Arms Award in English
Carly Heidenfeld
John Bosco Ozuruome

Graduate Student Award in Rhetoric and Writing
Melisa Garcia
Abigail Graves

Hillerman-McGarrity Scholarship in Creative Writing
Cyrus Stuvland
Anthony Yarbrough

Howard Dean Everett Scholarship
Sunnie Clahchischiligi
Irene B. Kimball Endowed Scholarship
Haley Bonner

New Mexico Folklore Scholar in English
Alyssa Covarrubias-Powell

Patricia Clark Smith Creative Writing TA Teaching Award
Tyler Mortensen-Hayes

Vicente Ximenes Scholarship in Public Rhetoric & Civic Literacy
Jonathan Sisneros

Paul Davis and Cheryl Fresch Literature TA Teaching Award
Jessie Bonafede

Rudolfo Anaya Fellowship
Vera Clyne
Core Writing Awards
Best 1120 Sequence
Emily Graves

Best 2120 Sequence
Amanda Kooser

Best 2210 Sequence
Misty Thomas

Outstanding Core Writing Instructor
Kalila Bohsali

Outstanding New Writing Instructor
Leo Williams

Outstanding Peer Mentor
Sarah Worland
Undergraduate Awards, Scholarships, Publications and Honors
Fulbright
U.S. Student Program
Congratulations to Solana Armijo
Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Germany
College of Arts & Sciences
2021 ASSURE Fellowship
designed to foster faculty-undergraduate research collaborations
Congratulations to Brigid Shaski
and her mentor, Associate Professor Marissa Greenberg
Brigid Shaski presented on her research at the Team Research Symposium
Departmental Awards
Bank of America Undergraduate Student Award
Danica Lee

Bank of America Returning Student Award
Elizabeth Smith

Reba Rutz Beidleman Endowed Scholarship
Jennifer Evans

Linda and Arthur John Brender Endowed Scholarship
Madison Hogans
Marina Tynku

Elsie and James Demas Scholarship
Krishna Patel

Phyllis Flanders Dorset Scholarship in English Literature
Andrea Chin-Lopez
Benjamin Tabáček
Hillerman-McGarrity Scholarship in Creative Writing  
**Candra Lowery**

Howard Dean Everett Scholarship  
**Eldrick Toya**

Mary M. McDonald Scholarship in English  
**Ana Rios**

The Dale and Ivan Melada Endowed Scholarship  
**Taylor Parsons**

Katherine M. Sims Memorial Scholarship  
**Brandon Martinez**

Katherine G. Simons Scholarship  
**Leslie Molina**

Joseph B. Zavadil Memorial Scholarship  
**Robin Babb**
6th Annual McKinnon Poetry Contest Winners
Congratulations to Benjamin Tabáček, Ariel Menendez and Indica Simpson
Lena M. Todd Awards
In Fiction, Poetry and Nonfiction
Fiction

- First Place: Lidia Appell
- Second Place: Kelly Stanley
Poetry

• First Place: Joshua Richardson

• Second Place: Katie Fields
Nonfiction

• First Place: Marcos Reyna

• Second Place: Kenzie Ross
El Puente Undergraduate Research Fellow
At El Centro de la Raza
Congratulations to Jacquelynn Reyes Gutierrez
Hulsman Undergraduate Library Research Awards
Congratulations to Colin M. Rankine

Second Place in the Emerging Researcher Category for:

*Asin Yahola’s Wife*

After nine years as a senior massage therapist at Nob Hill Spa in San Francisco, CA, Colin Rankine joined the University of New Mexico as a History major with a minor in Professional and Technical Communications. You may know his work from the newsletter and other PR materials at the UNM Art Museum where he works as a Communications Assistant. Colin is also a certified forklift operator. He lives in Albuquerque with his partner.

Colin was recommended by English Teaching Assistant, Mikaela Osler
Undergraduate Publications
Conceptions Southwest 2022

Julia Langeway
“For Cloudcroft”
Winner of the CSW Award for Literature

Solana Armijo
“i, an event”

Dayana Calle
“A Cup of Coffee”

Jeanette DeDios
“Zeedń” and “luminescent”

Julia Langeway
“Brenna”

Tyra Lechner
“Laundromat”
Conceptions Southwest 2022

John Scott
“American Love Hotels” and “Tomorrow”

Andrew Sowers
“Final Fruit of Fall,” “Mass Grave” and “On the Clouds”

Emma Trevino
“Grape Skins”

Ethan Ward
“Today is on the Ground” and “Working Out”

Spenser Willden
“To the Animatronic Michelangelo”
Conceptions Southwest continued 2022

English Department Students as Editorial Staff

Zoe Perls, Editor in Chief
Nell Johnson, Managing Editor
Sierra Martinez, Staff
Gabriel Pacheco, Staff
Danica Lee, Staff
Charlotte Gates, Staff
Alexis Pierce, Staff
Scribendi 2022

Benjamin Tabáček  “Homesick”

English Department Students as Editorial Staff
Sierra Martinez, Managing Editor
Spenser Willden, Communications Editor
Abigail Campbell
Jacquelynn Gutierrez
Nell Johnson
John Scott
Andrew Sowers
English Department Award, 1st Place

Mercy Rabern Jones, “‘Unclean! Unclean!’ Infectious Disease and the Cultural “Other” in Bram Stoker’s Dracula”

Spenser Willden, “Understanding Genocide in Erik Ehn’s Soulgraphie and ‘Maria Kizito’”

Nell Johnson “Unser Driving”
English Department Students as Editorial Staff

Morgan Austin, staff
Charlotte Gates, staff
Madi Hogans, staff
Emma Trevino, staff
English Department Students as Editorial Staff

Charlotte Gates, Editor
Juri Hakola, Editor
Emma Trevino, Editor
Undergraduate
Departmental Honors
Andrea Chin-Lopez, “Forbidden Language in Whitman and Dickinson as Early Queer Expression”
cum laude
Advisor: Kathryn Wichelns

Jennifer Evans, “Writing Across Spheres: Mapping the Rhetorical Imagination in Women’s Environmental Literature”
summa cum laude
Advisor: Michelle Kells

Winter Flack, “What Lies Beneath”
magna cum laude
Advisor: Daniel Mueller

Diana Garcia, “Patriarchy and Capitalism in The Merry Wives of Windsor and Measure for Measure”
magna cum laude
Advisor: Marissa Greenberg
Paul Irwin, “Heâvan’s Descension: From the Camera’s Lens into the Mind’s Eye”
cum laude
Advisor: Andrew Bourelle

Nell Johnson, “Something Sugary for Later”
magna cum laude
Advisor: Daniel Mueller

Tyra Lechner, “Profaning the Holy: Christian Iconography and its Subversion in Twain & O’Connor”
magna cum laude
Advisor: Kathryn Wichelns

Krishna Patel, “Tracing an Imperial Trajectory in the Moral Topography of Milton’s *Paradise Lost*”
summa cum laude
Advisor: Marissa Greenberg
Department of English Language and Literature Lecture Series and Events
The Institute for Medieval Studies
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
College of Arts & Sciences, Institute for Medieval Studies

2022 Helen Namico Memorial Lecture Series

Re-Envisioning the Middle Ages

April 25-28, 2022

Lectures will be presented in person in
George Pearl Hall
6pm

This event is free and open to the public.
For a full schedule and further information, call 575-272-2985 or visit http://imsm.unm.edu
The D. H. Lawrence Ranch Initiative presents a Celebration of the 100th anniversary of D.H and Frieda Lawrence’s arrival in Taos, New Mexico, 1922

September 16-18, 2022
Taos, New Mexico

to include the 4th Annual D.H. Lawrence Lecture
4th Annual D. H. Lawrence Lecture

The World Premier of Lawrence’s unfinished play, Altitude

Saturday, September 17, 7pm
Taos Community Auditorium
Free and open to the public

Made possible, in part, by support from the New Mexico Humanities Council
Irish Studies Programs
Fall Irish Studies Lecture

September 19, 2022
Dr. James Moran,
*University of Nottingham*
Mary Power Lecture in Irish Studies

Visiting Scholar Residency & Mary Power Lecture
April 2023

Dr. Fiona Fitzsimons

Founder and Director
Eneclann Genealogy and Historical Research Services
The Rudolfo and Patricia Anaya Lecture on the Literature of the Southwest

Featuring English Alumna, Erika Sánchez

Thursday, October 6, 2022, at the National Hispanic Cultural Center
Celebrating the 50 year anniversary of *Bless Me Ultima*
Congratulations to all our Graduates!