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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 Stephen J. Mexal

BA English, 1999





Graduate Awards and Scholarships



Fulbright
U.S. Student Program

Congratulations to Leo Williams

Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award to Bulgaria



In August, Williams will be moving to Plovdiv, the second-largest city in Bulgaria and an arts and culture capital, as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant at the High School of Mathematics, Akad Kiril Popov. They will connect with other burgeoning writers, break-dancers, and visual artists in Plovdiv. Williams also hopes to develop arts and literary programming in Plovdiv and to work with other dancers at Plovdiv Academy of Music, Dance and Fine Arts to develop joint events, workshops and film screenings. ‘I’m unbelievably lucky to have a Fulbright grant, an honor that wouldn’t have been possible without the accumulation of a series of events. You couldn’t have told me, couldn’t have convinced me then that I’d be moving to Plovdiv six years later, or that I’d be teaching English and American Literature to Bulgarian high schoolers.’”



2023-2024
Center for Regional Studies
Graduate Fellowship

Congratulations to Brandy Reeves



CENTER FOR
REGIONAL STUDIES

Brandy Reeves, ALS PhD Student, has received the CRS Graduate Fellowship for the 2023-2024 academic year. Graduate Fellowships from the Center for Regional Studies are awarded for project-based research with a preference for projects that support degree completion. Projects are conducted under the mentorship of a tenured UNM faculty member in the student's program. Funding from the CRS will support Reeves' upcoming archival research and writing projects for the academic year.



2024 Larry Morris Memorial
Scholarship

Congratulations to Anthony Yarbrough



Anthony Yarbrough is a writer from Los Angeles and a graduate of the University of New Mexico. His fiction and nonfiction explore memory, sexuality, addiction, spirituality, trauma, and the restoration of agency. From 2022-2023 he served *Blue Mesa Review* as its Fiction Editor, and from 2023-2024 he served as its Editor-in-Chief.

The project for which Anthony was awarded the Larry Morris Memorial Scholarship is a novella titled *A Body of Water*. This project follows two gay men—professional swimmers and artists—who use their bodies, intellects, intuition, and relationship with each other to navigate the world of young adulthood. This project is a sincere investigation of the relationships between art and athleticism, spirituality and the natural world, and trauma and the restoration of agency.

Congratulations to Gwyneth Henke

Gwyneth Henke is an MFA Creative Writing (Fiction) student.

She earned a second-place award recognizing mystical and contemplative theology in her ongoing lyric essay project which is part of her graduate coursework.





Susan Deese-Roberts
Outstanding Teaching
Assistants of the Year 2024

Congratulations to Teaching Assistants
Kani Aniegboka and Julie Peterman





College of Arts and Sciences
Teaching Excellence Awards

Congratulations to Teaching Assistant
Kani Aniegboka



Departmental Awards

Howard Dean Everett Scholarship
Madeline Mendoza

Hillerman-McGarrity Scholarship in Creative Writing
Paris Baldante
Leo Williams
Anthony Yarbrough

Graduate Student Award in Rhetoric and Writing
Didi Asiya


Rudolfo Anaya Fellowship

Lucas Garcia

Isabella Valdez

Vicente Ximenes Scholarship

Isabel Strawn



Literature and
Creative Writing
Teaching Awards

Patricia Smith Creative Writing Teaching Award
Gwyneth Henke

Paul Davis and Cheryl Fresch Literature TA Award
Chrysta Wilson

Core Writing Awards

Outstanding Core Writing Instructor
Julie Peterman

Outstanding New Writing Instructor
Jeslyn Pool

Outstanding Peer Mentor
Lucas Garcia

Best 2120 Sequence
Rae Stringfield

Undergraduate
Awards, Scholarships,
Publications and Honors

Departmental Awards

Reba Rutz Beidleman Endowed Scholarship

Tanya Tyler

Bank of America Undergraduate Student Award

Maria Fernandez

Candis Canaday

Bank of America Returning Student Award

Gareth Ripol

Javier Cruz

Dr. E. A. Mares Award for Chicano Literature

Ariel Menendez

Evelyn Cisneros

Elsie and James Demas Scholarship

Castalia Mayerhofer

Alex Mouton

NM Folklore Scholar in English

Jacob Garcia

Phyllis Flanders Dorset Scholarship in English Literature

Savannah Phelps

Morgan Tracy

Irene B. Kimball Endowed Scholarship

Michelle Corral

Howard Dean Everett Scholarship
Monika Toledo

Virginia R. Fultz Scholarship
Aja Quintana

Linda and Arthur John Brender Endowed Scholarship
Raquel Barcena

Katherine M. Sims Memorial Scholarship
Jenessa Seaman

Mary M. McDonald Scholarship Fund in English
Karina Bolanos

Katherine G. Simons Scholarship

Lilly Porter

Samantha Ramirez

Hillerman-McGarrity Scholarship in Creative Writing

Leah Livingston

The Dale and Ivan Melada Endowed Scholarship

Mahlan Parker

Miriam Reichsfeld

Sydney Walker

Joseph B. Zavadil Memorial Scholarship

Orion Lee



8th Annual McKinnon
Poetry Contest Winners

In memory of and with
gratitude to
Karen McKinnon



Congratulations to
Isabella Clarke, Tanya Tyler and Kadra Guillermo





Lena M. Todd Awards
Fiction, Poetry and Nonfiction

Fiction


- First Place:
Cara Dwyer
- Second Place:
Austin Kelly Kearney

Poetry

- First Place:
Denton Garcia
- Second Place:
Susanna Cahn von Seelen

Nonfiction

- First Place:
Leah Livingston
- Second Place:
Tanya Tyler



2024 Hulsman
Undergraduate Library
Research Awards

Congratulations to Jasmine L. Partain



Third Place in the Emerging Researcher
Category for:

Parable of the Sower by Octavia E. Butler

Jasmine Partain is a senior at UNM majoring
in English Studies with a minor in
Criminology.

Jasmine was recommended by English
Teaching Assistant, Gwyneth Henke

Undergraduate Publications

Conceptions Southwest

2024

English Department Award Winner

Addison Fulton

“All of the Rabbit”

Sofia M. Eagle

“Say Goodbye, Catullus”

Kadra Guillermo

“Leaving the Hospital Bed”

Lark Landon

“Bleeding Through”

Conceptions Southwest

2024

Morgan Leanor Tracy

“Four Minus One”

Matthew Lineberry

“The Sailor”

“Serendipity is a Spring Word”

Tanya Tyler

“December 7th”

Savina Romero

“Trinity Downwinders”

Conceptions Southwest

2024

English Department Students as Editorial Staff

Kelsa Mendoza, Managing Editor
Addison Key, Digital Editor

Alhana Lewis, Staff
Isabella Zamarchi, Staff
Will Martinez, Staff

Scribendi 2024

Renata Gonzales

“Blues for Betty”

Scribendi 2024

English Department Students as Editorial Staff

Reyes Reynaga, Digital Editor

Madi Hogans, Communications Editor

GoGo Salguero, Office Manager

Addison Fulton | Kadra Guillermo

Ana Olivas | Maya Chandra Capuano

Elizabeth Fredrickson

Limina

2024

English Department Award goes to

Addison Key

“Calf”

Zoe Sloan Callan

“We Need More Native American Representation in
Comic Books”

Jazzlyn Martinez

“Fireball”

Angela Waters

“Existential Death and the Courage for Anxiety”

Addison Fulton

“Men of Metal and Angels of Meat: On the
Philosophical Implications of AI Sentience”

Limina

2024

English Department Students as Editorial Staff

Sophie Anderson-Haynie, Editor

Madison Hogans, Editor

Isabella Zamarchi, Editor

Undergraduate Departmental Honors

Alexandria Longo,
“House of Zodiac”
magna cum laude
Advisor: Daniel Mueller

Castalia Mayerhofer,
“Crafting Experience: Harryette Mullen and Gertrude Stein’s Poetic Experimentalism Transforming Aesthetic Experience as Defined by John Dewey’s *Art as Experience*”
magna cum laude
Advisor: Matthew Hofer

Alex Moulton,
“America’s Gender Trouble: Janet Mock, Joshua Whitehead, and Billy-Ray Belcourt”
magna cum laude
Advisor: Kathryn Wichelns

Camila Seluja,
“A Subgenre of Double Vision: Trauma as Magical Realism Experience in Lebanese Women's Autofiction”
magna cum laude
Advisor: Doaa Omran



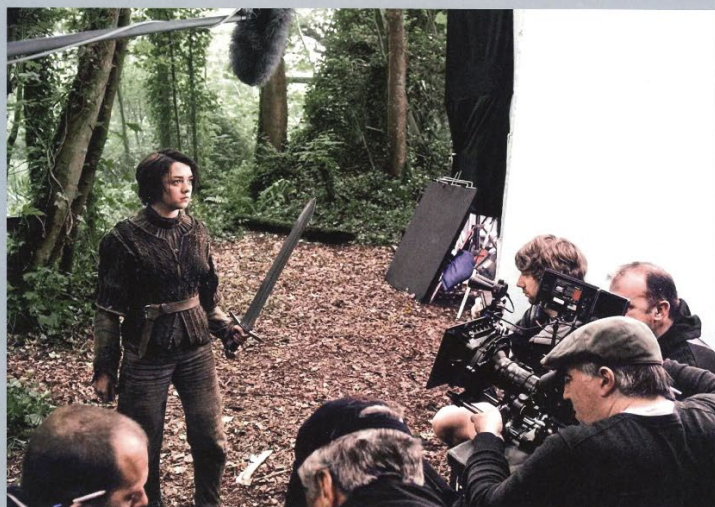
Department of English
Language and Literature
Lecture Series and Events



The Institute for
Medieval Studies

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College of Arts & Sciences, Institute for Medieval Studies

2024 Helen Damico Memorial Lecture Series
The Middle Ages on Screen



Behind the Scenes of *Game of Thrones* (2011-2019)
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April 15 - 18, 2024

**Monday, April 15, UNM Early Music Ensemble Performance
at 4:00 pm in Keller Hall**

April 15 – 18, Lecture at 5:30 pm in Woodward Hall 101

This event is free and open to the public. For a full schedule and further information,
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Creative Writing Program



The Creative Writing Program
hosts two reading series each semester,
the Russo Reading Series and Works in Progress.



Russo Reading Series

From top left: Cynthia Sylvester & the Half-White Band, Kristian Macaron, Dan Mueller, Michelle Otero, Marisa Clark, Beth Piatote, Victoriano Cardenas





The Rudolfo and Patricia
Anaya Lecture on the
Literature of the Southwest

Bless Me, Ultima

Presented by the Rudolfo and Patricia Anaya Lecture on the Literature of the Southwest in collaboration with the National Hispanic Cultural Center, the film version of Anya's critically acclaimed novel was screened on September 29th in the Albuquerque Journal Theatre. The film was introduced by former NM Poet Laureate, Levi Romero.





The Inaugural
Hector A. Torres Memorial Lecture



UNM Dept. of English presents

the Inaugural

Hector A. Torres Memorial Lecture

featuring



Dr. Theresa Córdova

*“Entre la conversación y la memoria:
The ‘Power of Place’ in the Archive of Dr. Hector Torres”*

**Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023, 2-3:15pm
Frank Waters Rm, Zimmerman Library**

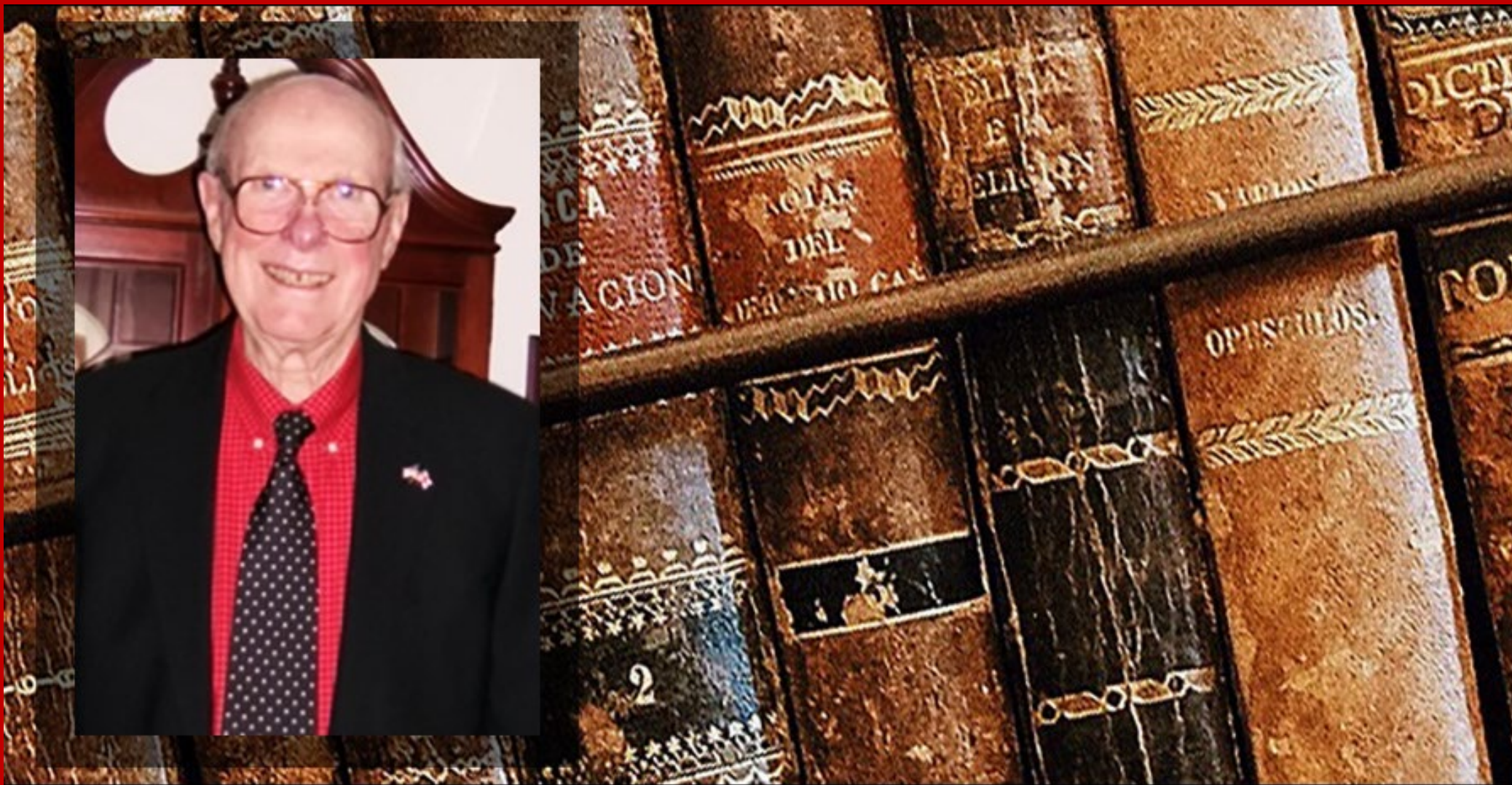
In conjunction with ENGL 468/WGSS 479: Environmental SW, funded by the Hector Torres Memorial Fund, UNM Foundation, and in partnership with UNM Libraries



In memoriam: N. Scott Momaday



In memoriam: James (Jim) Llewellyn Thorson



*Congratulations
to all our
Graduates!*