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## Library employees ready for ZIMFEST crowds!

Left to right: Student employees - Samuel Gee, Saul Medina, and Laura Chavez - with Gunnar Barnes (Library Information Specialist 2).

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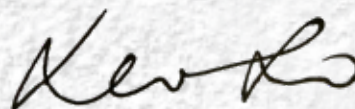
I am delighted to connect with you through this newsletter as we reflect on the incredible impact your generosity continues to have on the University Libraries, University of New Mexico Press, and the Organization, Information, and Learning Sciences program. Your support not only strengthens our collections and resources but also drives progress in how we serve students, faculty, and the broader community.

At the College of University Libraries and Learning Sciences, we remain committed

to cultivating an inclusive and innovative learning environment. With your partnership, we are able to preserve the rich history of our region, embrace emerging technologies, and enhance the educational experience for future generations.

Thank you for being a vital part of our journey. Together, we are shaping the future of knowledge.

Warm regards,



Dr. Leo S Lo  
Dean and Professor

## Dean Leo Lo Assumes Role as 2024 ACRL President

College of University Libraries and Learning Sciences (CULLS) is proud to announce that Dean Leo Lo has assumed the role of President of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) for a one-year term. Leo Lo is the first Asian American president of ACRL.

ACRL, with over 7,200 members, is the leading association for academic libraries, empowering higher education professionals to learn, innovate, and lead in the ever-evolving landscape



Dr. Lo second from right at the June 2024 ACRL meeting.

of scholarly research, access to information, and student success. Dean Lo has been an integral member of ACRL for 14 years, demonstrating his dedication and leadership through numerous roles within the association.

“ACRL is pleased to welcome Dr. Leo Lo as President of the ACRL Board of Directors. Both members and the profession will benefit greatly from Dr. Lo’s deep knowledge of academic librarianship—especially his expertise of AI and libraries. I look forward to working with Dr. Lo in the coming year,” said Allison Payne, ACRL Interim Executive Director.

## Grand Opening of the Rudolfo Anaya Sala

This fall the University Libraries held the grand opening of the Rudolfo Anaya Sala, a dedicated space to honor the legacy of the esteemed Professor Emeritus, Rudolfo Anaya. This new space in Zimmerman Library will serve as a tribute to Anaya's incredible contributions to literature and education, both within New Mexico and throughout the world.

Located in Zimmerman Library near the Center for Southwest Research & Special Collections, the Rudolfo Anaya Sala will serve as a communal space where students, faculty, staff, and community members can gather, reflect, and be inspired by Anaya's life and work.

His contributions to the arts were recognized at the highest levels, with President George W. Bush awarding him the National Medal of the Arts and President Barack Obama

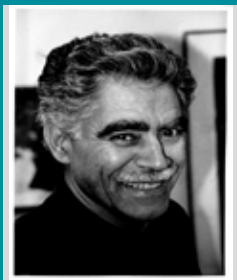


Left to right: Dean Leo Lo, President Garnett Stokes, Belinda Anaya Henry, Mayor Tim Keller, Associate Professor Melina Vizcaíno-Alemán, Marisa Saavedra-Gutierrez, and Jeff Todd, UNM Foundation CEO.

presenting him with the National Humanities Medal in 2017.

A grand opening and ribbon cutting event with distinguished guests was held in October. The event included speeches from Dean Leo Lo, Associate Professor Melina Vizcaíno-Alemán, UNM President Garnett Stokes, and Albuquerque's Mayor Tim Keller.

The creation of the Rudolfo Anaya Sala marks a significant milestone in honoring Rudolfo Anaya's memory and ensuring his legacy continues to inspire future generations.



### Rudolfo Anaya Portal [anaya.unm.edu](http://anaya.unm.edu)

In 2005, Anaya generously donated the first part of his manuscript collection to the Center for Southwest Research and Special Collections at Zimmerman Library, with the remainder of his collection following in 2019.

Anaya is celebrated worldwide as the Godfather of Chicano letters. His seminal work, *Bless Me, Ultima*, is a cornerstone of Chicano literature and remains one of the most widely read books in the genre. His extensive body of work has inspired countless books, articles, essays, and dissertations.

If you would like to contribute to the **Rudolfo Anaya Operational Endowment** that will be used for maintenance and programming within the space, contact Carol Kennedy, Development Director.

# ZimFest Lights Up Zimmerman Library

LIBRARY WELCOMES OVER 1,000 STUDENTS



Student employee, Eddy Sanchez, and Undergraduate Engagement Librarian, Holly Surbaugh, show off ZimFest Swag.

**E**arlier this semester, the University Libraries hosted its first ever, ZimFest, a special welcome-back event designed to bring students together and introduce them to the vibrant and resourceful space of Zimmerman Library. Held on September 12, ZimFest offered an evening of fun, community, and discovery.

Colleagues across the library collaboratively designed and implemented the festival to ensure it was an engaging and inclusive experience. Adrienne Warner, Undergraduate Engagement Librarian and recipient of the Hulsman Librarianship Endowment, and Marcy Botwick, Access Services Library Information Specialist 3, served as leads for the event. ZimFest aimed to welcome new students to campus and reach out to those who may not typically see themselves as library users.

Attendees enjoyed a wide array of activities on each floor of Zimmerman Library including casino games, yard games, a DJ, ghost stories, bingo and a special exhibit celebrating the university archives.

The event provided a fantastic opportunity for students to unwind, meet new friends, and learn more about the resources and services available within the University Libraries. About 1,000 students visited the library for ZimFest. Initial gate counts showed over 1,400 entries into Zimmerman during the event.

“The transformation of the library from study haven to festival electrified the atmosphere! In our exit survey, students mentioned loving being able to have fun and cut loose in a place they usually associate with studying,” said Adrienne Warner.

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## **Quotes from Students:**

***“There is so much more to the Zimmerman library than I previously knew!”***

***“Never seen the library like this.”***

***“Please, please, please do this again!”***

***“Great experience to meet people”***



Lobo Louie meets a few of the event planners. Left to right: Adrienne Warner (Undergraduate Engagement Librarian), Marcy Botwick (Library Information Specialist 3), and Amy Jackson (University Libraries Associate Dean).

## *The transformation of the library from study haven to festival electrified the atmosphere!*



Left: Students enjoy gaming in the newly renovated B30 classroom located in Zimmerman Library with UNM ESports. Right: Student enjoys a snack while participating in trivia.

### **ZimFest was made possible by the Jim and Mary Lois Friday Hulsman Librarianship for Student Success Endowment**

This endowment enables librarians in the University Libraries to work on projects directly related to helping students thrive in their academic careers. Jim and Mary Lois Friday Hulsman are long-time supporters of the University Libraries, which have made a phenomenal difference in the lives of countless students. If you would like to contribute to programs to help our students thrive, contact Carol Kennedy today!



## Portia Vescio: A Dedicated Archivist and Donor Shaping UNM's Legacy

**P**ortia Vescio's journey with the College of University Libraries and Learning Sciences reflects not only her dedication as an employee but also her commitment as a donor. As University Archivist, Portia has spent eight years preserving UNM's history through her work at the Center for Southwest Research & Special Collections, while also contributing financially to support the library's mission. Her dual role as both a staff member and donor underscore her deep belief in the value of libraries and their impact on the community. The daily challenges of her job, from exploring UNM's history to teaching workshops, keep her engaged and motivated to contribute in every way she can.

Inspired by her family's philosophy of giving back, she started by volunteering and now sees firsthand the impact of donations in libraries. "Donations can help purchase books or support projects that might not otherwise happen," she notes.

Portia is particularly passionate about advancing digital scholarship and fostering

campus and community partnerships. She understands the value of making unique materials accessible and believes in the power of libraries to create meaningful connections. Through her donations, Portia hopes to contribute to library innovation and growth.

Her advice to others considering donating to their workplace is simple: "Helping others is extremely rewarding, and it strengthens your connection to the community." For Portia, her donations ensure that CULLS continues to thrive as a space of learning, innovation, and service.

Portia's career began long before joining UNM in 2016. With an MLIS degree from Indiana University and a BS in Chemistry from MIT, she spent 14 years developing an archives program at Michigan State University and worked as a manuscripts librarian at New Mexico State University. Her extensive experience and passion for libraries make her a valuable asset to both CULLS and UNM.

## CULLS Honors the Life of Lorenzo Candelaria

In early October, CULLS in collaboration with Emmett Williams of LISTEN.TELL.MEDIA, Dayna Diamond, multimedia development specialist for the Adobe Creative Commons, and the UNM Film & Digital Arts Department premiered the documentary film, *Harvest*. The film tells the inspiring story of Lorenzo Candelaria, a seventh-generation New Mexican farmer dedicated to sustainable agriculture. The Candelaria's farm was started in 1692 and is maintained to this day by the family. The film was made possible by the generosity of Pat Wheeler on behalf of Leif Gonnsen.

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Student employee, Samel Gee, and Lobo Louie pose at the service desk in Zimmerman Library.





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## Learning, Research, and Engagement Unit Created

The University Libraries are excited to announce the establishment of the Learning, Research, and Engagement (LRE) unit, marking a significant restructuring aimed at enhancing academic support for UNM students, staff, and faculty. This new unit brings together the Digital Initiatives and Scholarly Communications (DISC), Research Data Services, and Learning and Outreach Services units, creating a more cohesive and collaborative environment for addressing the evolving needs of the university community.

The formation of the LRE unit represents a departure from the traditional structure of subject librarianship, consolidating expertise into two focused teams: Undergraduate Engagement and Graduate & Faculty Engagement. This strategic move enables the development of more specialized and targeted services that support diverse academic disciplines. This will allow for more expertise regarding interdisciplinary research and information literacy skills for specific audiences.

Amy Jankowski, Associate Professor, has been named Director of the Learning, Research and Engagement unit. Previously, Jankowski served as the Interim Director of Learning and Outreach Services and as a STEM subject librarian. Amy earned her MLS with a specialization in Archives and Records Management from Indiana University Bloomington and her BA in Anthropology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The University Libraries are confident that this restructuring will result in more integrated and efficient support for students and faculty, as the LRE unit streamlines resources and enhances collaboration across the university.



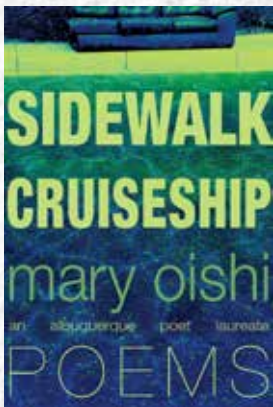
# UNM Press Celebrates 12 Award-Winning Books!

**W**inners of the 2024 New Mexico - Arizona Book Awards have just been announced and UNM Press has twelve winners to celebrate, including design wins from our own Felicia Cedillos and Isaac Morris.

Congratulations to everyone and especially to the wonderful authors we are privileged to publish.

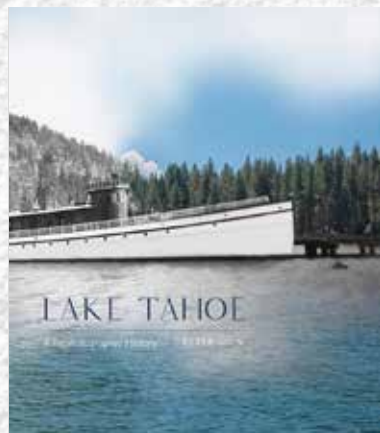
## Book Design Awards

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*Sidewalk Cruiseship*  
by Mary Oishi  
Designer: Isaac Morris

*Lake Tahoe: A  
Rephotographic History*  
by Peter Goin  
Designer: Felicia  
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## Book Awards

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*The Huacas*

by Edward Ranney; Essay by Lucy R Lippard  
(Anthropology/Archaeology Category)

*Pablo Abeita*

by Malcolm Ebright and Rick Hendricks  
(Biography - New Mexico subject Category)

*Awesome Arizona*

by Malcolm Ebright and Rick Hendricks  
(History - Arizona Category)

*Water for the People*

Edited by Enrique R. Lamadrid & José A Rivera  
(History Anthology Category)

*Lake Tahoe: A Rephotographic History*

by Peter Goin  
(History - Other Category)

*A Guide to Tongue Tie Surgery*

by Tina Carlson  
(Poetry - New Mexico Category)

*The Yazzie Case*

Edited by Wendy S. Greyeyes, Lloyd L Lee  
and Glenabah Martinez  
(Political & Current Events Category)

*Wild Carnivores of New Mexico*

Edited by Jean-Luc E Cartron and Jennifer K  
Frey (Reference Category)

*Slow Travel New Mexico*

by Judith Fein; Photographs by Paul J. Ross  
(Travel Category)

*Hungry Shoes*

by Sue Boggio and Mare Pearl  
(Young Adult - High School Category)



**“I study not just if people learn, but who learns, how learning happens, and why.”**

## Adam Papendieck Joins OILS Faculty

The Organization, Information & Learning Sciences (OILS) program is excited to welcome Dr. Adam Papendieck as their new assistant professor. Papendieck is a learning scientist whose research examines how learning and change processes unfold in diverse community and organizational settings. His commitment to fostering equitable and just learning environments, and his expertise in learning design, educational change, and STEM education make him a valuable addition to OILS.

Dr. Papendieck brings a rich interdisciplinary background, drawing from organizational studies, science and technology studies, and learning sciences. Before joining UNM, he was a Learning Scientist at The University of Texas at Austin’s Jackson School of Geosciences, where he initiated the Learning Sciences CoLab—a collaborative research group that connects social scientists, natural scientists, and communities. He holds a PhD in Curriculum & Instruction - Learning Technologies from The University of Texas

at Austin and an MPH in International Health from Tulane University.

“I study not just if people learn, but who learns, how learning happens, and why,” Dr. Papendieck explains. “The research I do explores learning not as an isolated phenomenon in individual heads but as a dynamic, interactional process unfolding across groups of people, technologies, and materials, and a process that is inevitably shaped by history, culture, and social context.” He is committed to participatory and action-oriented modes of research that foster both individual growth and collective change, often working in complex environments like communities, neighborhoods, and interdisciplinary research networks. “I like to mix methods and find new ways to use data and visualization to understand important emerging and everyday learning environments, and how they can be designed for better, more equitable and dignifying experiences and outcomes.”

# OILS Receives \$7 Million NSF Grant in collaboration with the Geological Society of America

Assistant Professor, Adam Papendieck, in collaboration with the Geological Society of America (GSA), recently received a prestigious \$7 million National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to carry out formal design research focused on GSA's On To the Future (OTF) program. This program, which has long been instrumental in advancing inclusivity within geosciences, focuses on supporting scholars from under-represented backgrounds.

The research will inform a significant expansion and evolution of OTF, contributing to enhanced mentorship, new participant-designed programming, and crucial support for incoming OTF scholars. Papendieck collaborated with GSA's Director of Scientific Integrity Elizabeth Long, Professor Julia Clarke at the University of Texas-Austin, Professor Steve Boss at the University of Arkansas, and Consultant Kathy Ellins on the successful grant proposal, with crucial support from GSA leaders, members, and staff.

"This new work with OTF shows what it can look like when professional societies go beyond enforcing traditional disciplinary norms for assimilation, and demonstrates what can happen when they collaborate with new members from diverse communities of identity to catalyze fresh, inclusive and humanizing visions of the field and support meaningful action for change," said Papendieck.

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