

PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon.

As the University for New Mexico, UNM does more than just contribute to the higher education community of our state – it also bolsters cities and towns in New Mexico by cultivating strong, knowledgeable local leaders. UNM faculty doesn't just teach in the classroom. As I have witnessed on the most recent leg of my statewide listening tour, they take their expertise back to the State and to their hometowns, where their passion for New Mexico powers their research.

Lessons Outside of the Classroom

As I travelled through the southern and southwestern part of the state last week, I was inspired to see how higher education impacts local municipalities and that our faculty not only contribute to their disciplines, they give back to their communities.

Associate Professor Tim Castillo, a native of Silver City, co-founded the Finding Rural Program to explore how architecture and design play a role in economic development; Joe Cook, also from Silver City, is a Regents Professor in the Department of Biology and UNM alumnus, and is heavily involved in efforts to encourage greater participation of underrepresented students, especially Native Americans in biology; and Dr. Luis Campos, a historian of biological and biomedical sciences in the UNM History Department, helps people understand science and society in its historical context. His expertise was evident last week as we toured the VLA near Socorro and learned how the facility operates and about the research conducted through the massive array of radio antennas. These impressive members of our faculty are not just teaching their research, they are living it – and helping others to appreciate the technical and scientific contributions New Mexico is making to the world.

Santa Fe is the next stop on my listening tour later this week, and I greatly look forward to meeting with and listening to Lobo alumni and leaders from the City Different. As always, I will be tweeting ([@PresidentStokes](#)) along the way and will [post pictures and a blog update](#) afterwards.

Women's Resource Center Serves Entire UNM Community

I am excited to share that the [Women's Resource Center](#) (WRC) is moving under the AVP of Student Services, which oversees El Centro de La Raza, African American Student Services, American Indian Student Services, Veterans Resource Center, Accessibility Resource Center, and STEM Initiatives. This move will facilitate collaboration among these units and increase access to advocacy resources for students, faculty, and staff at multiple sites. Those resources include help or information on feminism, activism, violence, women's health, parenting, sexual orientation, LGBTQ, scholarships and personal finance, among others. This move will also increase our ability to maintain a fuller range of advocacy centers at UNM under a unified organizational structure, allowing them to more easily collaborate with each other. Our campus'

confidential advocacy centers are LoboRESPECT, the LGBTQ Center, and the Women's Resource Center. The LoboRESPECT Advocacy Center remains under the Dean of Students and will continue facilitating Grey Area Training for students.

The Women's Resource Center was founded in 1972, by a group of students, faculty and staff during a time when our campus and country were striving to provide more resources for women, people of color, veterans and victims of violence.

UNM Press Welcomes New Director and Finalists Announced for Chief Legal Counsel

I hope you will join me in welcoming the new [UNM Press director, Stephen Hull](#). He will begin his new position at the UNM Press and College of University Libraries and Learning Sciences on Sept. 17 and is one of many new administrators coming to UNM as we fill several current or upcoming vacant leadership positions. Finalists were also announced for the chief legal counsel position. Finalist interviews will include open forums with the campus community. For a schedule of each open forum, visit: [Finalists announced for chief legal counsel position](#). If you cannot make it in-person, recordings of the forums will be available on the [Chief Legal Counsel Search webpage](#) through noon on Wednesday, Aug. 1. Don't forget you'll need to login using your UNM credentials.

Have a great week and let's go Lobos!

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