



# PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



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Good afternoon, Lobos--

September is [National Campus Safety Awareness Month](#), which means next week, September 16-20, is [Campus Safety Week at UNM](#), a collaborative effort between our UNM Police Department (UNMPD), Office of Compliance, Ethics & Equal Opportunity (CEEO), and various campus partners to keep the community informed about ways Lobos can keep themselves and others safe and secure around campus.

As an institution, [campus safety is a responsibility that we meet head-on all year long](#) through safety and prevention programs like [Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design](#), the [LoboGuardian app](#), our reporting structure under Title IX and the Clery Act, [Campus Watch](#), community policing, physical security, and our regular patrols and investigations.

[Starting this week](#), community members can take advantage of Coffee with a Cop on Tuesday, and free VIN etching on Saturday, both made possible through UNM's partnership with the Albuquerque Police Department. Next week, I hope you'll join me on Tuesday, September 17, for our annual Campus Safety Walk, when we'll walk the UNM Albuquerque campus to identify ways we can make our campus safer. We'll be gathering in the Student Union Building (SUB) Ballroom B with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

On Thursday, September 19, you're invited to UNM's 2nd Annual Campus Safety Summit, beginning at noon in the SUB, Ballroom B. The line-up includes presentations on crime trends, auto theft prevention, and the launch of UNM's newest publication, [A Survivor's Guide to Rights & Options](#), which is the University's official resource for victims of sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence, and dating violence, as well as those who support them.

I'm also pleased [we're celebrating at our UNM-Gallup branch](#), which will kick off Safety Week with personal safety training taught by UNM Gallup martial artists instructor Frank Sanchez, with sessions throughout the week on training for administering Narcan and performing CPR.

You can learn about all of these programs, and more, during our [2024 Campus Safety Week](#) and [National Campus Safety Awareness Month](#). Get informed, stay safe, and look out for each other.

## Gauderman Delivers Community-Engaged Research Lecture

Innovative research is a way of life here at The University of New Mexico, and we are proud to [engage our community in a great deal of the research we conduct](#). One of the highest awards presented to our researchers at The University of New Mexico is the [Community Engaged Research Lecture \(CERL\) Award](#). This award honors Lobo faculty for exceptional work that profoundly and systematically affects the relationship between UNM and the larger community in a positive and meaningful way.

[This year's CERL Award winner is Kimberly Gauderman, associate professor of Latin American History](#), who will deliver the lecture *Practicing Asylum: Scholars as Expert Witnesses in Latin American Asylum Cases*. Gauderman, who has been with UNM since 1998, says her lecture will be rooted in her work as an expert witness in cases involving Latin American asylum seekers fleeing gender- and sexuality-based

violence, and will reflect on the root causes of migration, the complexity of the asylum system, and the role of scholarly expertise in asylum cases.

The lecture will take place in George Pearl Hall on Thursday, September 12, beginning at 4:30 p.m. This event is free and open to all members of the community, but please [register in advance to reserve your seat](#).

## Lobo Researcher Makes Groundbreaking Discovery on Brain Injuries

A fascinating new study led by Lobo Psychology Assistant Professor **Jeremy Hogeveen** [explores the link between mild traumatic brain injury \(TBI\) and depression in adolescents—and came back with some surprising findings](#). Using data from the [Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development \(ABCD\) study](#) funded by the National Institutes of Health, the research found no significant increase in depression following mild TBI in youth. This is significant because prior studies suggested such a connection, especially in adults; these new findings may offer some reassurance to parents while emphasizing the need for continued research into more severe TBIs.

## Lobo Faculty Member Elected President of Pharmacists Association

Congratulations to Melanie A. Dodd, Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and professor in the UNM College of Pharmacy, who was [just elected as the newest president for the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists \(ASHP\)](#), the largest association of pharmacists in the nation. A Lobo graduate, Dodd has been active with ASHP since her time as a student, but Professor Dodd's new position as ASHP's president isn't just an honor for UNM, but for our state, as this is the first time the organization's president has been from New Mexico. As a longtime advocate for pharmacists and patients—especially those in underserved areas—Dodd is uniquely suited to lead the ASHP. They are fortunate to have her passion, expertise, and enthusiasm.

## Sign Up for the President's Traveling Office Hours

I always enjoy having the opportunity to discuss The University of New Mexico with those who know and understand it best: *you*. I regularly hold traveling office hours, which provide me with the privilege of coming directly to you to learn more about your concerns and aspirations for our university, and I'm always inspired by hearing about your lives as Lobos. Traveling office hours happen on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and if you'd like me to come visit your department, please [send me an invitation through my office](#). Slots tend to fill up fast—but if none are available, please add your name to the waiting list. I look forward to our conversation!

## Sarah Belle Brown Nominations Still Open

[There's still plenty of time to submit nominations for the Sarah Belle Brown Award](#), which I have the pleasure of presenting annually to one faculty member, one staff member, and one student for outstanding service to the community. Nominations are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 20, so [nominate someone who inspires you today](#).

Have a great week, and let's go, Lobos!

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