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**Newsletter of the New Mexico Archeological Council**

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**PRESIDENT'S YEAR END ADDRESS**

Greetings everyone!

As we shift into winter, I gladly report that during this quarter the New Mexico Archeological Council (NMAC) has had several successful events, including the Annual Meeting and a workshop focusing on the built environment.

The NMAC 2024 Annual Meeting was held on November 9th at the Hibben Center at the University of New Mexico. We thank the generous sponsors for our conference as they enabled us to bring in tribal officials and members to present their perspectives on several important topics. We greatly thank the panelists and all the attendees who made the conference successful!

The workshop committee in conjunction with the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division hosted a workshop on the built environment in late October. We have some workshops planned for 2025, so stay tuned.

Thank you all for your continued participation and support of NMAC! I look forward to planning the 2025 annual meeting and seeing you all there! Evan Giomi will be the NMAC president for 2025 and I look forward to seeing him continue to grow the organization.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,  
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## **New Mexico Archeological Council 2024 Annual Meeting Review**

NMAC held an informative Annual Meeting in November 2024 entitled *The Practice of Tribal Historic Preservation and NAGPRA*. The 2023 NMAC President Michael Spears organized the meeting with the goal of illuminating to the attendees how tribes are engaging in the historic preservation field and best practices for engaging in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) process in the U.S. Southwest through a pair of moderated discussion panels. Michael Spears moderated the first panel which was comprised of six Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) or their colleagues from the pueblos of Acoma, Nambé, and Zuni, and the Jicarilla Apache, Mescalero Apache, and White Mountain Apache Tribes. Dr. Bruce Bernstein moderated the second panel which had five Tribal elders and THPOs who discussed their experiences as part of NAGPRA, their issues with past and current practices, and their wishes for current practices to adhere with the new 2024 NAGPRA regulations instituted by the Department of the Interior.

As always, the NMAC Executive Board presented annual awards during the meeting, and this year's awards went to two very deserving scholars committed to archaeological research in New Mexico. Kurt Anshuetz received the 2024 NMAC Lifetime Achievement Award for his archaeological research in New Mexico in partnership with the Pueblo of Acoma. Hayward Franklin received the Lucy C. Schuyler Award in recognition of his sustained research on ceramics from past projects in New Mexico, oftentimes over a half-century old and mostly unpublished. Hayward was unable to attend the meeting and will be presented with his well-deserved award at the 2025 meeting.

In all, over 100 people attended the meeting either in-person or online and we are very pleased with the engagement from the audience members during the Q&A portions. We hope to see you all next year for the 2025 Annual Meeting with additional details to be forthcoming shortly.

Heather Seltzer-Rogers



Kurt Anshuetz accepting the 2024 NMAC Lifetime Achievement Award, accompanied by Pueblo of Acoma colleagues and friends (left).



THPO Discussion Panel moderated by prior NMAC President Michael Spears (far right)



NAGPRA Discussion Panel moderated by Bruce Bernstein (far right)



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