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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Greetings to the NewsMAC readership!

I hope the end-of-summer rains are finding you wherever you are. As the end of the year approaches that means it's time for the annual NMAC conference. This year's conference is an opportunity for the community to familiarize themselves with some of the excellent work that has been done in the Middle Rio Grande that may be hiding in the *gray literature*. Details on the conference can be found in this issue, and updates will be posted on the NMAC website, so make sure to check online as we get closer to the event. Beyond the NMAC conference, several events are lined up for the back half of the year and details can also be found in this issue.

The NMAC executive committee held their third quarterly meeting at the beginning of September. The NMAC grant committee has awarded student research and member research awards to five individuals, including students at both ENMU and UNM. NMAC committee members have also been active participants in addressing several legislative issues, particularly with the development and renewal of programmatic agreements out of the BLM Farmington and Carlsbad Field Offices.

We want to continue providing important news to the archaeological community via this newsletter, so please contact me if you have any announcements you would like included in a future issue of the newsletter.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of NMAC and participation in NMAC events.

Sincerely,

Evan Giomi
2025 NMAC President
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NMAC ANNUAL 2025 MEETING

Archaeology of the Middle Rio Grande

November 8, 2025 ~ 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. ~ Hibben Center, University of New Mexico



View of the Middle Rio Grande Valley from Kuaua Pueblo, Coronado Historic Site, Bernalillo.

Photo by Heather Seltzer-Rogers.

Abstract: The Middle Rio Grande is rarely highlighted in Southwest archaeology despite having experienced a brief period of early research excavations at sites such as Paako, Pottery Mound, and Kuaua after the destruction of large portions of other pueblos and sites in the early twentieth century. Over the past nearly 60 years, mostly only cultural resource management professionals operate in the region with key technical reports providing a far richer, but less integrated regional understanding than Cordell's 1979 widely cited work. This conference highlights recent archaeological and historic findings with an emphasis on how CRM projects in the Middle Rio Grande have broadened our understanding and interpretation of the region's extensive, multicultural history. As part of this, we strive to address what has been learned from recent investigations and how they can inform research directions for projects.

Speakers to be determined

For more details and registration information please visit our website: [Annual Meeting - NMAC](#)

2025 NMAC GRANT RECIPIENTS

Ethan Kalosky Student Grant

- Jaimie Adams (ENMU), for Trinchera Cave Master's thesis fieldwork support
- Yubitzzy Truong (ENMU), for travel support to present personal research at the 2026 SAAs
- Genevieve Whitehead (UNM), for travel support to present personal research and co-chair a symposium at the 2026 SAAs

NMAC Member Research Grant

- Liv Winnicki, for dissertation research on Diné fortress sites on Chacra Mesa
- Steve Rospopo, for survey and research into the Pleistocene-era use of the Salinas Basin playas

Drones in Archaeology – From Planning to Execution

William Whitehead

Saturday, November 1, 2025 ~ 10am to 1pm ~ Webinar

Unmanned aerial systems (UAS) are now commonplace in archaeological work, from imaging, to mapping, to reporting, any archaeologist needs to know how and when to deploy this technology.

Over three sections, participants will be taken through the process of getting a Part 107 license to legally fly a UAS, how to navigate the FAA LAANC system, and how to prepare for flying a mission. The second section will give extensive examples of how data is collected, processed, and readied for interpretation and analysis. The third session will cover reporting, presenting data, and the future of UAS work in the field.

This is a free webinar, and a three-hour certificate of participation will be offered to attendees that stay for all three sessions.

Details of the webinar login will be delivered the last week of October.

2025 ARCHAEOLOGY FAIR



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION



GHOST RANCH
280 PRIVATE DRIVE
1708 HIGHWAY, US-84
ABIQUIU, NM

Join New Mexico Historic Preservation Division for a family-friendly archaeology fair at beautiful Ghost Ranch. Learn about archaeology, lithic and ceramic artifacts, and historic artifacts.

Exhibits and activities include throwing an atlatl, flintknapping, children's games, yucca fiber craft, and making your own clay pot.

Ghost Ranch will have free admission all day for the museums and hiking in conjunction with the Archaeology Fair.

Please bring your own water, snacks, or picnic lunch. There will be no vendors on site.



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- promote archaeological research within New Mexico and disseminate knowledge arising from that research.
- promote awareness of New Mexico's cultural resources among public agencies, corporations, and members of the public.
- encourage the legal protection of cultural resources, and encourage high standards for professional archaeology.

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