

NEW MEXICO ARCHEOLOGICAL COUNCIL 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Archaeology of the Middle Rio Grande

Organized by Heather Seltzer-Rogers, NMAC Past President

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 sixty 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.

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Hibben Center, UNM Main Campus 8:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

**Registration Required, Preregistration Available Online or a
Limited Number of Day of Registrations are Available at the Event**

Join Virtually Via Zoom: TBA



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AGENDA

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Hibben Center, UNM Main Campus

8:00-9:00am	<i>On-site registration, meet and greet with refreshments (Hibben Atrium)</i>
9:00-9:45am	Welcome and NMAC Lifetime Achievement and Lucy C. Schuyler Awards
9:45-10:05am	Cultural Resource Management and the Archaic Period on Albuquerque's West Mesa by Adam Okun
10:05-10:25am	New "New Perspectives" on Pottery Mound: Pueblo of Isleta Preservation Projects and the Ancestral Pueblo Landscape of the Lower Puerco Valley by Michael Bletzer
10:25-10:40am	Break
10:40-11:00am	A Discussion of Colonial-Period Ceramics along the Rio Grande by Alexander Kurota, Thatcher Seltzer-Rogers, Garrett Lloyd, and Jack Young
11:00-11:20am	Ceramic Research at Kuaua Pueblo by Hayward Franklin
<i>11:20am-12:00pm</i>	<i>Question and Answers of Morning Speakers</i>
12:00-1:45pm	LUNCH (on your own)
1:45-2:05pm	Past Lifeways and Patterns on the Far West Mesa of Albuquerque by Thatcher Seltzer-Rogers
2:05-2:25pm	The Developmental and Coalition Periods of the Middle-Middle Rio Grande: A Reevaluation of Time and/or Process by Robin Cordero
2:25-2:40pm	Break
2:40-3:00pm	Historical and Archaeological Investigations on the San Antonio de las Huertas Land Grant, Sandoval County, New Mexico by Karen Swope, Evan Giomi, Phillip Leckman, Rebecca Wells, and Moises Gonzales
3:00-3:20pm	Early to Mid-Twentieth Century Life along Historic Fourth Street in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque and Isleta Boulevard in the South Valley by Heather Seltzer-Rogers
3:20-3:40pm	Four Thousand Years along the River: The Archaic to Ancestral Pueblo Transition in the Middle Rio Grande Valley by Matt Schmader
<i>3:40-4:20pm</i>	<i>Question and Answers of Afternoon Speakers</i>
4:20-4:30pm	Closing Remarks
4:30pm	Happy Hour at Bow and Arrow Brewing Company to follow at 608 McKnight Avenue NW, Albuquerque