



# ***NewsMAC***

**Newsletter of the New Mexico Archeological Council**

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## **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

Good afternoon to NMAC members,

I know that this is a bit tardy in dispersal, but I hope that 2026 has been eventful for you all. I am the President for NMAC for this year, and I look forward to engaging with you throughout the year and beyond as we strive to engage with the shifting regulatory landscape and market. In this address, I want to summarize a few recent events of note and associated thoughts of mine.

In late April to early May, I, along with many of you, attended the Society for American Archaeology's Annual Meeting in slightly overcast San Francisco where I heard presentations and saw posters on recent CRM investigations and associated research as well as more traditional academic research in the Southwest region and beyond and was able to meet with colleagues from several companies that operate in New Mexico. A common issue identified in many of my conversations was the comparably stark, limited presence of CRM-initiated projects in the program as compared with the extensive traditional academic initiated talks—this is something I wish to challenge you all to advocate for to your colleagues and to your corporate higher ups as vital to the industry. Presenting on your recent projects may seem daunting or even difficult given the variable size and regulatory-specific way we conduct them and budgetary reality that can restrict traditional “research” endeavors. But presenting and conveying the results of our projects not only fulfills our ethical responsibilities as scientists (or scientists-adjacent) but more importantly it demonstrates the importance of maintaining and strengthening the regulatory framework that strives to preserve and protect archaeological resources and their associated data and which enables and promotes descendant community and other interest group engagement. Additionally, presenting on CRM projects conveys to those who are less aware of the substantial quantity of fieldwork, analysis, report writing, and innovative interpretations that have historically and are still continuing to emerge from CRM! In many conversations with those in graduate programs or having just finished, I was told how unaware they were of how much data, ideas, and recently-published technical reports there are pertinent, and in many cases superseded, to what they were trying to study. So, please give it some thought—I certainly look forward to attending your presentations and hearing about all the projects you are involved in and research you are conducting [and make no mistake, it is research (even if past university faculty members may have incorrectly told you otherwise)]!

The week after, I attended the Archaeological Society of New Mexico's annual meeting in Farmington, where we honored the careers and achievements of Cathy Cameron and Steve Lekson with a series of presentations on the archaeology of Greater Chaco and southern New Mexico. Included in the day's program were presentations on recent survey projects of some Navajo fortress (pueblitos/bee hołdzil) structures by Chronicle Heritage and of Apache rock imagery in the Sierra de las Uvas by Statistical Research, Inc. as well as a thoughtful piece by Jason Chuipka of Woods Canyon Archaeological Consultants on the need to publish the results of CRM projects in scholarly journals for our colleagues. The day was capped by a paired Bandelier Keynote lecture by Cathy and Steve who discussed their careers, their contributions (including those of their students), and some thoughts for consideration.

On another note, the NMAC executive committee held its first quarterly meeting in mid-March where we discussed existing programmatic agreements being extended for the Permian Basin and proposed for the BLM-Farmington Field Office, the issue of Chaco Canyon's proposed road development project, and received updates from committee chairs. We continue to monitor and respond with comments to proposed federal (and state) actions that weaken the protection of archaeological resources, including the proposed revocation of the oil and gas development lease moratorium around Chaco Canyon. Please continue to reach out to myself and the legislative committee regarding such actions as, given our day jobs, we cannot always keep apprised of every proposed detrimental action and policy change.

In any case, I thank you for supporting NMAC and I look forward to seeing you at this year's conference in November!

Best regards,  
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**Photos from Archaeological Society of NM's 2026 Annual Meeting, held May 8-10 in Farmington, NM & hosted by the Site Steward Foundation**

The theme of the 2026 meeting was "Archaeology of the Greater Chaco Area and Honoring the Legacy of Cathy Cameron and Steve Lekson"

The 2026 ASNM annual volume honorees, Catherine Cameron and Stephen Lekson, were officially honored at the meeting, as were student scholarship awardees and Bice Award winners.



ASNM Bandelier Lecture by Catherine Cameron



ASNM Bandelier Lecture by Stephen Lekson



ASNM Presentation by Heather Seltzer-Rogers



ASNM Presentation by Jonathan Till

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES in 2026

For those seeking continuing education credits for their SHPO Directory listing, wanting to present on recent projects/research, or curious to hear about the latest and greatest, here are several 2026 conferences in New Mexico and adjacent states!

**Pecos Conference:** August 6-9 in Mancos, Colorado. Registration is open on their website and abstracts may be solicited shortly. Find additional details here:  
<https://www.pecosconference.org/>

**Arizona Archaeological Council's Fall Conference:** October 2 in Nogales, Arizona. Registration is open and abstracts are being solicited. It is a great opportunity to hear about recent investigations along the Arizona-Sonora border as well as engage with colleagues operating just a few hundred miles west of us. Details are available here:  
<https://arizonaarchaeologicalcouncil.org/conference>

**Biennial Mogollon Conference:** October 8-10 in Las Cruces on the New Mexico State University campus. Registration is open and abstracts are being solicited. Details are here:  
<https://lonjul.net/MogollonAC2026/>

**PaleoAmerican Odyssey Conference:** October 14-17 at the Santa Fe Convention Center. Registration is open and the program is already posted for presentations with posters still being solicited. Details are available here: <https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/csfa/2026/05/08/save-the-date-paleoamerican-odyssey-2026/>

**NMAC's annual meeting:** November 7 at the Hibben Center, University of New Mexico. Details will be made available shortly: <https://nmarchcouncil.org/events/annual-meeting/>

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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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