# NEW MEXICO ARCHEOLOGICAL COUNCIL
# 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

New Mexico Archaeology: Future Directions

The practice of cultural resource management as a professional discipline in New Mexico has significantly changed over the course of the last 30-some years thanks to the adoption of new legal and ethical frameworks alongside changing commercial and governmental priorities. Likewise, archaeological research in New Mexico has benefited over the same time period from the development of new analytical techniques, accessibility of data, and collaboration with descendent communities. Rapid shifts in the current legal and regulatory landscape seems like it will require further adaptation by the discipline. This conference provides and outlet for various members of the New Mexico archaeological community to discuss how the practice of New Mexico archaeology may continue to change and adapt in the near and mid-term future: this might include discussions of programs or paradigm shifts already in progress, or of potentials that have not yet been set in motion. Participants may discuss higher-order theoretical concerns or changing regulatory and commercial landscapes, or they may address smaller-scale research programs or hot-button issues in the discipline and practice of archaeology in New Mexico.

**Saturday, November 8, 2025**

**Hibben Center, UNM Main Campus**

**8:30am-3:30pm**

**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**

**Saturday, November 7, 2026**

**Hibben Center, UNM Main Campus**

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| 8:30-9:30am | *On-site registration, meet and greet with refreshments (Hibben Atrium)* |
| 9:30-10:15am | Welcome and presentation of Schuyler Award (Dave Phillips) and Lifetime Achievement Award (Tim Graves) |
| 10:15-10:35am | Introducing a Revised Chronology for Sandal Manufacturer in the Jornada Mogollon Region by Garrett Lloyd, Alexander Kurota, and Alondra Neunsinger |
| 10:35-10:55am | Beyond Dating, Archaeomagnetic Applications in the United States Southwest by Shelby A. Jones, Mark D. Harvey, and Jon Lohse |
| 10:55-11:10am | **Break** |
| 11:10-11:30am | Reconstructing Madrid's Historic Mining Operations Based on Recent Data Recovery Project by Derrick Dejesus and Alexander Kurota |
| 11:30am-12:00pm | *Morning Speakers Question and Answer Period* |
| 12:00-1:30pm | **Lunch (On Your Own)** |
| 1:30-1:50pm | How Not to Do a Drone Study by Alice Gomez |
| 1:50-2:10pm | A Review of the Archaeological Management Plan for Petroglyph National Monument by Nckayla Duran |
| 2:10-2:35pm | **Break** |
| 2:35-2:55pm | Archaeology at a Crossroads by John Taylor-Montoya |
| 2:55-3:15pm | *Afternoon Speakers Question and Answer Period* |
| 4:30pm | **Happy Hour at Bow and Arrow Brewing Company to follow at 608 McKnight Avenue NW, Albuquerque** |