



WEDNESDAY COMMUNIQUÉ

October 5, 2011

Distinguished Professors Lectureship/Performance: A distinguished professorship is the highest rank bestowed on UNM faculty. Distinguished professors are individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievements and are nationally and internationally renowned. This year, the Provost's Office is supporting the establishment of a distinguished professor lecture and performance series. The series will consist of open lectures and performances selected by the distinguished professors. The first event in this series will be a chamber music concert performed by Daniel Avshalomov, violist with the American String Quartet, Guillermo Figueroa, conductor and violinist, and Pamela Pyle, pianist and faculty member in the UNM Department of Music. The event will be held in Keller Hall on Wednesday, October 12 at 5:15 PM and is open to the UNM community.

UNM agreements with Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) & Air Force Research Laboratory AFRL: Dr. Julia Fulghum, the Vice President for Research has been working diligently to increase collaborations between UNM and the national laboratories. On September 23, 2011 Sandia National Laboratories and the University of New Mexico signed a memorandum of understanding that significantly strengthens collaborative research and development between the two institutions, expanding the opportunities for students to participate in cutting-edge research and preparing them for a global job market. This agreement comes on the heels of an educational partnership agreement signed on April 2011 between UNM and the Air Force Research Laboratory. The AFRL agreement will foster better collaboration on research projects and greater opportunities for UNM students to advance in the areas of math, science, and technology. For more information, please visit <http://research.unm.edu/>. At the above site there is also information about Dr. Mostofi, the assistant professor who was recently awarded the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE).

New Mexico Plazas: Chris Wilson, JB Jackson Chair of Cultural Landscape Studies in the UNM School of Architecture and Planning recently published *The Plazas of New Mexico*. The book represents ten years of work by Wilson and his colleagues as well as contributions by sixty students. An exhibition opening and book-signing is set for Friday, October 7, 5:30–7 PM at George Pearl Hall. For more information please visit <http://saap.unm.edu/events/2011/10/the-plazas.html>.

Lecture by Dr. Duderstadt: The UNM Office of eScholarship presents the 2011 Symposium on Scholarly Communication. James Duderstadt, Ph.D, President Emeritus and Professor of Science and Technology at the University of Michigan will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Duderstadt is the author of many books on higher education including *The Future of the Public University in America: Beyond the Crossroads*. He will discuss reinventing the research university to serve a changing world. A panel discussion on the shifting roles for libraries, research, promotion and tenure, and the university press will follow. This event is the sixth such symposium to raise awareness at UNM about scholarly communications issues and is hosted by University Libraries, the Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center, and the Law Library. It also presents the opportunity to kick start our academic planning discussions about the future of UNM. The event will take place October 17, from 1-3:30 PM in the SUB, Lobo A & B. For more information and to register for this free event, please visit http://escholar.unm.edu/2011_symposium.html.

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Sincerely,

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