



# The Interim Provost's Weekly Brief

**September 22, 2017**

Good afternoon! I had the privilege yesterday to sit in on a meeting with the keynote speakers for the Black Cultural Conference (see below): Dr. Cleveland Sellers and Mr. Bakari Sellers. The meeting, an introduction and opportunity to ask questions, was also attended by prominent New Mexico African-American leaders, President Abdallah, and other UNM administrators. The discussion revolved around the evolution of the Civil Rights Movement, from the days of the Freedom Riders in the early 1960s to Black Lives Matter and related discussions of today. It was fascinating to hear the stories and assessments of two individuals who each participated in different generations of the Civil Rights Movement, as well as the thoughts of New Mexico African-American leaders who also played a role in these historic events. The Black Cultural Conference is in session through tomorrow, and I would like to recognize the important work of everyone who organized or participated in the conference.

## **Black Cultural Conference**


This year's [Black Cultural Conference](#), titled "Mobilizing the Black Millennial Legacy," is hosting a "wide range of intersectional topics that aim to foster connections, create growth and engender action within black millennial communities." The conference, which opened yesterday (Sept. 21) and ends tomorrow, is [highlighted by the keynote speakers](#), father and son Cleveland and Bakari Sellers, who have built a legacy of fighting for social justice and civil rights.

## **Conflict of Interest in Research Disclosure**

Submissions are due today for the conflict of interest in research annual disclosure for 2017-18. This applies to all investigators: "Any UNM faculty, staff, student, or non-UNM person who is participating in the design, conduct or reporting of research or a sponsored project that occurs at UNM Main Campus and the Branches and who could influence its design, conduct or reporting." These disclosures must be completed tonight by midnight. More information and instructions on submitting the disclosures can be found on the [Office of Research Compliance webpage](#).

## **Lobo Reading Experience: Book Selection Input Needed**

The Lobo Reading Experience was created as a common academic reading program at the University of New Mexico (UNM). The program was created for students to participate in a shared reading experience that fosters a sense of community and promotes reading and discussion.



The Lobo Reading Experience has been a part of the UNM undergraduate experience since 2011 with book selections such as: “The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind,” “Garbology,” “Enrique’s Journey,” and “A Cup of Water Under My Bed.” The 2017-2018 selection, “Just Mercy,” a memoir written by renowned attorney and social justice advocate Bryan Stevenson, is an exceptional story of how the experiences of one young college student can change an entire country.

As the planning for the 2018-2019 book selection gets underway, I invite you to contribute your thoughts by completing a [short survey](#). Your participation is appreciated.

### **Fraud and the FBI: Two Upcoming Events**

On October 13, Holly Pasut is presenting “Crossing the Ethical Border,” in SUB Ballroom A. There is a lunch at 11:30, and the keynote takes place from 12-1 p.m. [RSVP](#) by October 1. Holly Pasut was pursuing a career in real estate and raising three kids when she was caught up in one of the nation’s largest mortgage frauds. After serving a 21-month prison sentence, she now speaks with future leaders about critical thinking errors and their consequences.

On Monday, October 16 at 3 p.m. in the SUB, agents from the FBI’s White Collar Crimes, Public Corruption, and Forensic Accounting Squads will be on hand to speak to students and faculty about the FBI, the federal violations they investigate, and job qualifications for special agent and forensic accounting programs. For more information, email [acfe@unm.edu](mailto:acfe@unm.edu), and RSVP [here](#). These events are presented by UNM’s Student Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

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