



The Wednesday Communiqué

May 9, 2018

There is much to look forward to this week. There will be celebrations across campus, in our schools and colleges and branch campuses, including the Commencement Ceremony at Dreamstyle Arena at 9 a.m. on Saturday. We will be conferring more than 3300 degrees this weekend. This year's Commencement is also the Presidential Installation for Garnett Stokes. It is a momentous occasion.

Thank you to all those who have made the decision to attend. I encourage everyone to help us celebrate the best day of the year with our students and their friends and families. I also want to thank all of the hardworking staff members who give their time and care and thoughtfulness each year into making the day a success.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you well at the conclusion of the academic year, and I hope you have time for celebration and reflection now, as well as a restful, rejuvenating, and productive summer.

Finals and Grading

Good luck to all of those taking final exams this week. For faculty, please make sure to complete your grading and submit final grades on time. Grades should be entered within 48 hours of the final exam or last meeting date. Missing grades can cause a number of complications for students, including delayed financial aid awards and problems with graduation. For more information on grade entry, see this [Fast Info entry](#).

Redesigning the University with Dr. David Feldman

As part of the Redesigning the University initiative, we have invited Dr. David Feldman to UNM for an open forum on Monday, May 14. Dr. Feldman is a professor of economics at William and Mary University, as well as the author of "Why Does College Cost so Much?" and "The Road Ahead for America's Colleges and Universities." His current research examines college cost, the demand for higher education, and the role of federal and state policy in shaping today's higher education models. His talk is scheduled for 10 a.m. with an open discussion at 11. The event will be held in the Center for Teaching and Learning Building (CTLB) room 110. All members of the UNM community are invited to attend.

Bilinski Fellowships 2018

With its third gift of \$400,000 since 2013, the Bilinski Educational Foundation will continue to recognize excellent doctoral students in the humanities at UNM. The [2018 recipients of the Bilinski Fellowship](#) are Vincent Basso (English), Elena Friot (History), Kelly Hunnings (English), Karol Ibarra (Spanish and Portuguese), David Liakos (Philosophy), and Maria Lopez (American Studies). 24 Fellows have already completed their doctorates under the program.

Mandatory Training

The university mandatory training is due by December 1, but you can complete it any time throughout the year. Human Resources provides three mandatory training modules every year designed to support a safe and respectful campus. All regular faculty and staff, temporary faculty and staff, on-call staff, and student employees (including graduate students) are required to complete the designated modules.

There are three university-wide mandatory trainings: Intersections: Preventing Discrimination and Harassment (EOD 1018); Basic Annual Safety Training (SRS 0118); and Active Shooter on Campus: Run, Hide, Fight (EOD 481-18).

More information can be found online. If you encounter issues accessing or completing any of the training, contact the IT Help Desk at 277-5757 or help.unm.edu.

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