

# The Wednesday Communiqué

**January 30, 2019**

...or in this case, the “Thursday Communiqué”! Lots happening at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe this week, crucial to our relationship with the people and political leaders of the state and thus to funding our mission.

## **UNM Day at the State Legislature**

UNM staff, students, and faculty all made a terrific showing at our annual UNM Day at the State Legislature on Monday, Jan. 28. Two UNM faculty members were honored by the Legislature for their outstanding contributions to New Mexico: [Dr. Vanessa Svihla](#) (Department of Organization, Information and Learning Sciences in University Libraries) and [Dr. Leslie Strickler](#) (Department of Pediatrics in the UNM School of Medicine). Four UNM students were similarly honored: [Esteban Abeyta](#), a native of Española, is a Biochemistry major doing research on infectious diseases, a Goldwater Scholar, and a 2019 Churchill Scholar. [Lauren Zundel](#) is a Physics/Math major working in theoretical nanophotonics and a 2018 Goldwater Scholar. [Sumit Patel](#) (from Gallup) and [Jaron Kee](#) (from Crystal on the Navajo Nation) are fourth-year medical students who have been inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society in recognition of their compassionate patient care.

More broadly, a large number of UNM folks showed up to represent UNM at the Roundhouse and brought energy and spirit there. On behalf of the University, thanks to all who gave UNM such a fun and interesting presence via some 30 display tables (and welcoming faces behind them) from main campus, HSC, and the branches.



## Phishing at UNM

Some around campus have received emails in recent months that appeared to come from me (unless you looked at the address carefully), asking you to buy me hundreds of dollars in iTunes or Amazon gift cards to help me out of a jam. Of course that's a phishing scam, and I hope no one has lost money on it. But apparently it's part of a [widespread national scam](#). I will never ask you to buy me gift cards, I promise!

## Lightning Lounge

The next Faculty Lightning Lounge will be on Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 4-5 p.m. at Draft & Table in the Student Union Building. This is an opportunity for faculty to learn about innovative teaching and research happening in other parts of the university. The faculty presenting on Feb. 13 include: Siobhán Mattison, Anthropology; Erik Erhardt, Statistics; Derek Hamilton, Psychology, and Adelamar Alcantara, Community + Regional Planning. The Lightning Lounge is sponsored by ADVANCE at UNM, the Center for Teaching Excellence, the Office of Academic Affairs, and the Office of the Vice President for Research.

## Dispute Resolution for Faculty: Written Solutions to Unwritten Problems

On Wednesday, Feb. 6, Professor of Educational Psychology Jay Parkes will present a workshop focused on using written documents to form shared expectations. The workshop will be held from 11:30-1 p.m. in the UNM Business Center, Room 1016 (SE corner of Lomas and University). If you are interested in attending, RSVP to Jean Civikly-Powell, Ombudsperson for Faculty ([jcivikly@unm.edu](mailto:jcivikly@unm.edu)).

## Green Zone Training

The Veterans Resource Center is holding [Green Zone Training](#) on Friday, Feb. 1, from 10-12 p.m. in the Student Union Building. The training familiarizes faculty and staff with the issues facing service members and their families and prepares participants to better serve the more than 1000 veterans within the UNM community. For more information, contact Alonzo Maestas ([amaest77@unm.edu](mailto:amaest77@unm.edu)).

## Life in NM

Right now, it's all about getting our academic mission funded through our work with our representatives and public servants in Santa Fe.

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