

# Academic Dispatch



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The words “war in Europe” likely invoke differing generational responses, but no matter our historical perspective, I suspect many of us instinctively and understandably are anxious about the phrase. The tragedy playing out in Ukraine is both far away and mostly viewed through a screen, and yet also local and immediate in its influence. The obvious geopolitical and economic effects apparent on the news impact us all. UNM also has many faculty, staff, and students who come from Eastern Europe, including from Russia and Ukraine. These members of the Lobo community deserve our support and empathy. Whatever each of us may think about the leadership of the nations at war, or the governmental policies that have led to this death and suffering, the Lobos whose families and nations are engulfed in this combat are not the architects of the conflict. I hope we can continue to show compassion for all Lobos who are touched by this tragedy, and can avoid considering each individual as a symbol of their nation’s collective acts.

To help the UNM and New Mexico community know more about the origins and implications of this invasion, UNM departments are hosting two events tomorrow, Wednesday, March 2nd, allowing our experts to share their knowledge and wisdom concerning this war. First, at noon, the UNM School of Law will host “The Invasion of Ukraine,” Room 2401 Bratton Hall on North Campus (or Zoom ID: 967 9602 0552, Password: UKRAINE). Then, at 3 p.m., the Department of History has assembled experts in history, political science, and Eastern European languages and cultures to discuss European perspectives on the political and historical origins of the conflict. This webinar will take place in Clark Hall Room 101 (or Zoom: <https://unm.zoom.us/j/91482823708>).

I hope you will take advantage of these programs. Knowledge provides the tools to make sense of the complex world around us.

## **Team Research Symposium**

Last year's inaugural [Team Research Symposium](#) drew nearly 200 attendees to promote the important impacts our research teams have on our communities and to share practices in team research. This year, this free campus-wide event will be held from April 19-21. A [call for proposals](#) is now open for select sessions, and all faculty are encouraged to apply. A special session for [alumni](#) is accepting submissions for presenters, and students are encouraged to enter the [Student Team Research Concept](#) competitions for a chance to win a grand prize of \$2,000 to split among their team.

## **Call of ECURE Applications**

UNM STEM instructors at all UNM campuses are encouraged to participate in the NSF-funded ECURE project (Expanding Course-Based Undergraduate Research Experiences). ECURE introduces students to entry-level undergraduate research experiences, with the goal of providing equitable, engaging and inclusive access to research and investigation. Instructors receive a \$4,000 summer stipend to incorporate undergraduate research (UGR) into their courses, and to attend a virtual UGR Summer Institute. To learn more, check out the [ECURE webpage](#).

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