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FROM THE DESK OF THE Vice President for Research

It's time to relax and reset!

Lobo researchers, you have worked so hard and accomplished so much this fall semester.

We've spent the last four months celebrating your research endeavors as part of The University of New Mexico's research mission. I am reminded every day that it's the questions you ask and the goals you set that ultimately lead us to tackling (and solving!) some of society's greatest challenges.

This semester you shared a glimpse of what's happening in our classrooms and labs with the greater UNM community during The University's inaugural Research and Discovery Week. I am excited to build on the momentum and enthusiasm this university-wide event generated. You should be so proud of the work happening here, in the field, and around the globe.

After deadlines are met and projects are submitted, don't forget to take some quality time to spend with family and friends. Read a new book. Visit a new city. Try a new recipe. Have some fun!

Have a safe, rejuvenating, and relaxing holiday!



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Research Events This Month

FRESSH

During the spring semester the OVPR partnered with the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education and Human Sciences to pilot the [Fostering Research Excellence in the Social Sciences and Humanities](#) (FRESSH) program. FRESSH focuses on fostering faculty within these disciplines to explore new directions and potential support for their research and scholarship.

Over the last nine months, 21 researchers participated in trainings, workshops, and mentorship sessions designed to help develop their nascent concepts into competitive proposals.

Friday will wrap up trainings as we celebrate the achievements, hard work, and dedication of our researchers who participated in the FRESSH pilot program.

The UNM [Faculty Research Development Office](#) anticipates accepting applications in spring 2023 for the next FRESSH cohort.

Research Celebrations

Research and Discovery Week

Last month, during The University of New Mexico's inaugural Research and Discovery Week, we spent several days learning, growing, collaborating, and discovering TOGETHER. Research is education and it was on full display at every lecture, conference, workshop, and demonstration.

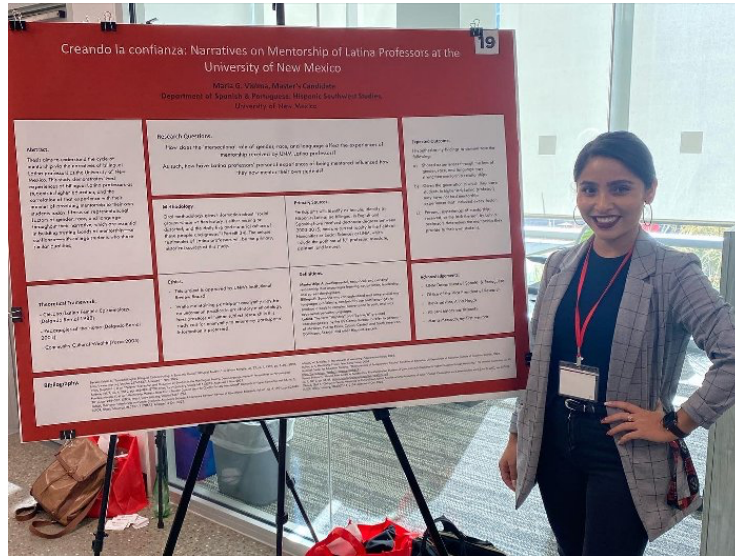
I am thrilled with the participation of researchers, that spanned across many disciplines, who took the time to highlight and discuss the importance of their research and scholarship with the greater UNM community. UNM would not be designated a top-tier research institution without you; thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our research mission.

We hope you gained some new knowledge about the truly amazing work other student, staff, and faculty researchers, outside of your field, are doing each day.

There was so much to highlight from that week, including Lobo researcher Maria Vielma, whose hard work and stride led to her winning [The LoboBITES Competition](#).

Maria, a second-year graduate student within the UNM Department of Spanish and Portuguese, is also one of 11 [Zancada](#) fellows, a new interdisciplinary graduate student fellowship program. Her research focuses on the intersectional role of gender, race, and language in the mentorship experiences of Latina professors.

Congratulations Maria, we are so proud of your accomplishments!



Research Spotlight

Southwest Hispanic Research Institute (SHRI)

The UNM [Southwest Hispanic Research Institute](#) (SHRI), established in 1980, promotes multidisciplinary research on the Latino/Hispanic populations of New Mexico and around the United States.

Last month, SHRI released volume 2 of its annual publication, *Chamisa: A Journal of Literary, Performance, and Visual Arts of the Greater Southwest*. The journal reflects a variety of perspectives across disciplines, as well as academic and non-academic audiences.

Volume 2 highlights different types of knowledge that influence our understanding of gender and women in U.S. society. [Chamisa](#) informs its readers that women are impacted by multidimensional social dynamics that can limit and empower them. The timeliness of the topic is illustrated through art, prose, poetry, and scholarly essays throughout the journal.

Spring 2023 promises to be a demanding and exciting semester for SHRI faculty and student researchers.

SHRI will co-sponsor the first major national conference on Latinx Speculative Fiction titled, "Latinx Visions: Speculative Worlds in Latinx Art, Literature, and Performance." The conference will feature internationally renowned scholars and artists such as Ilan Stavans, Guillermo Gómez-Peña, and Amalia Ortiz.

The institute will also play a role in fomenting research on northern New Mexico as part of the 2023 Smithsonian Folk Life Festival. SHRI will help support a showcase of New Mexican faculty, staff, and students as they explore cultural phenomena within the state.

In June, the UNM [Chicana and Chicano Studies Department](#) (CCS) and SHRI will help promote and sponsor an international presentation by Mexican recording artist Laura Reboloso, and a Son Jarocho music collective of UNM students at the Encuentro de Jaraneros en Europa in Paris, France.

Research News

Faculty Scholarship Time (FaST)

The [WeR1 Faculty Scholarship Time](#) (FaST) program proposals for fall 2023 are due **Dec. 16**.

The FaST program provides faculty with a reduced teaching load during the fall 2023 semester to focus on the research, scholarship, and creative work interrupted by the pandemic.

FaST provides funding for faculty to receive either a one-semester, one-course reduction in their teaching load or support for a graduate project assistant to assist with course-related duties (grading, office hour preparation of course materials, etc.). Main campus, tenured and tenure-track faculty in all disciplines eligible to apply. Faculty who previously received FaST support are not eligible.

Proposal Submission Deadline

Due to winter break, the [Office of Sponsored Projects](#) (OSP) has limited appointments available. If your deadline to submit a proposal falls between Dec. 23 – Jan. 2, it is necessary to schedule a proposal review appointment between **Dec. 19-22**.

Appointments fill up fast!

BBER Legislative Modernization

Last spring, the state legislature appropriated funds for UNM's [Bureau of Business and Economic Research](#) (BBER) to investigate legislative modernization, focusing on three primary topics: staffing resources, legislator compensation, and session length and scope.

Some preliminary survey findings suggest support for expanding legislative staff to help lawmakers carry out their work, address constituent concerns as well as the idea to extend or restructure legislative sessions.

Last month, BBER Research Scientist Rose Elizabeth Rohrer presented her findings to the Courts, Corrections, and Justice Committee. She is working on a broader report that will be submitted to the legislature next month.

BBER, a Category 3 interdisciplinary center that reports to the OVP, is the recognized expert in socioeconomic data for the State of New Mexico. BBER scientists specialize in identifying, understanding, and forecasting trends as well as changing economic markets across our state.

Technology Updates

Research Computing and Technology Services Catalog

The new data management and sharing requirement for the National Institute of Health takes effect Jan. 25, 2023. To learn more about this new requirement, please visit the [NIH website](#).

UNM's [Data Management Services](#) can also assist researchers with the following: developing data management and sharing plans, data preservation services, and data analysis tools.

Did you know?

Assistant Vice President for Research David Hanson occasionally makes wedding cakes as gifts for family and friends.

As a botanist, he focuses on flowers and flavor over frosting.



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