

Land Grant Studies Program

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Mission

The UNM Land Grant Studies Program advances our historical and contemporary knowledge of land grants-*mercedes* in New Mexico and the Southwest and organizes documentation and dissemination as a public service. In conjunction with government agencies and other partners it provides service to individual land grants-*mercedes* in order to promote good government and community and economic development in rural communities. Through its research, outreach, and analysis it connects the University with dozens of small and rural communities and provides learning, training, internship, and service opportunities for UNM students.

CY 2020 Goals and Status

1. Conduct documentary and oral history research.

Status: Digitized historical records for 11 land grants; conducted 4 oral history interviews; conducted historical research and analysis for 5 land grants to inform policy decisions.

2. Provide support to land grants and relevant organizations and agencies.

Status: Assisted land grants with genealogical and water rights research; attended meetings of the Land Grant Council and meetings of land grant leadership collective; co-sponsored 2020 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo event.

3. Provide student internships related to NM's rural communities that adds to their skill base and networking opportunities with agencies and communities.

Status: During the Spring 2020 semester provided 2 graduate and 1 undergraduate internship. Due to Covid-19 restrictions and budget cuts no student internships offered in Fall of 2020 or Spring of 2021.

4. Develop Land Grant Youth Development Program aimed at providing intergeneration leadership development, community service learning and relevant cultural experiences.

Status: Held 10 intergenerational youth leadership workshops in 2020. No in person workshop held since March of 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. Purchased *Aspectos Culturales* collection to aid program development

5. Through partnerships with academic departments develop presentations, seminars and courses on land grant and acequias.

Status: Worked with UNM School of Law to developed Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit seminar scheduled for March 2020. Postponed indefinitely due to Covid-19 public gathering restrictions. Will be offered when in person gathering restrictions lifted. Continued presentations to UNM Law School NREL Clinic.

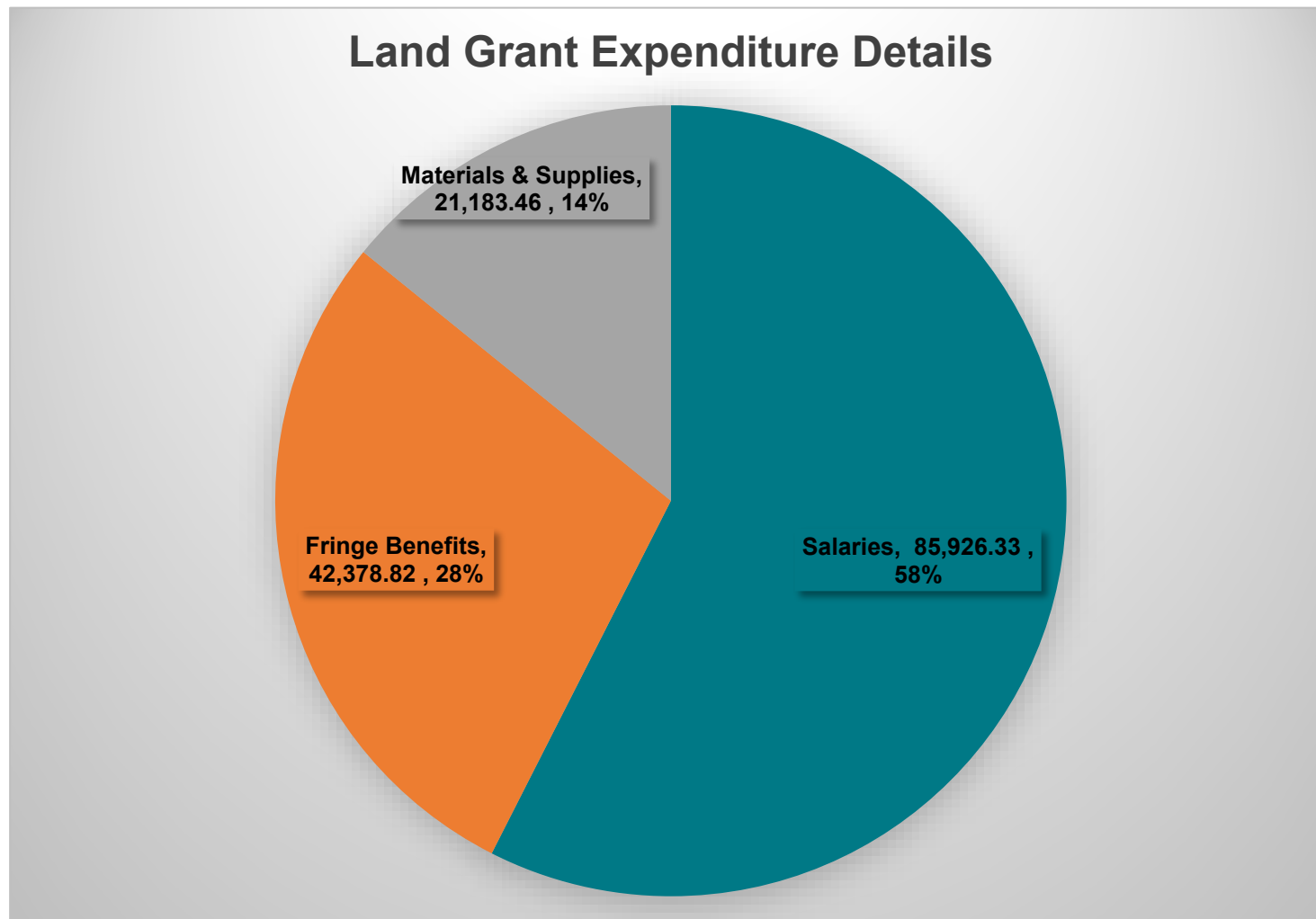
Membership of Advisory Committee

- Gabriel Pacyniak, Associate Professor of Law UNM School of Law
- Clifford Villa, Associate Professor of Law, UNM School of Law
- L. Durwood Ball, Associate Professor of History, Editor New Mexico Historical Review
- Juan Sánchez, Chair, New Mexico Land Grant Council
- Rebecca Correa-Skartwed, Vice-Chair NM Land Grant Council
- First organizational and annual review meeting of Advisory Committee held remotely 15 July 2020.

CY 2020 Highlights

- Jacobo Baca, PhD - provided keynote presentation for 2020 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Day at the New Mexico State Capitol Rotunda, February 2020.
- Arturo Archuleta, MCRP and Jacobo Baca, PhD - provided presentation on Public Land Use Equity for the Carson National Forest, September 2020
- Arturo Archuleta - Appointed to Office of the New Mexico Attorney General's Equity Advisory Council, September 2020
- Jacobo D. Baca, PhD - *Recovering a Shared History: Pueblos, Nuevomexicanos and Land Speculation in New Mexico, 1876-1920*, Western History Association 2020 Annual Conference, October 2020.
- LM García y Griego, PhD - *"As Mexico would have done": Trials and tribulations of Surveyor General-led Land Grant Adjudication in New Mexico, 1854-1891*, Western History Association 2020 Annual Conference, October 2020.

FY20 Sources of Revenue	
State Appropriation	124,900
Other	776
FY19 to FY20 Reserves	79,462
Total	205,139



Research Center Impacts

- Annual RPSP budget provides approximately \$6,000 to UNM in General Administration fees.
- Outreach to land grant-*merced* communities throughout Northern and Central New Mexico.
- Development of continuing legal education seminar on Land Grants and Acequias for Legal Professionals, Law Students and General Public.
- Provides internship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, both in academic and professional degree programs.
- Serves as a resource for land grant-*merced* communities in areas of historical and genealogical research.
- An authoritative resource for information on land grants to Land Grant Committee of State Legislature, local and state government agencies, and staff of New Mexico's congressional delegation, and the general public.

Return on Investment

Since Program inception in 2008:

- Employed 19 Graduate Students and 29 Undergraduate students
- Supported publication of 4 Journal Articles, 2 monographs and 4 working papers
- Conducted 22 oral history interviews.
- Digitized over 10,000 microfilm archival images.
- Developed a series of over 30 Traditional Use Boundaries maps for Land Grants-Mercedes
- Assisted multiple land grants-Mercedes with genealogical, census and historical research

- Community service oriented and knowledgeable staff with over 50 years of combined experience relating to land grants-*mercedes*, historical research and program management and development.

STRENGTHS

Limited staffing capacity due to budgetary constraints and pandemic restrictions has hampered outreach, legal training, and digitization of microfilm resources.

WEAKNESSES



Creation of Land Grant-*Merced* Institute as a category 3 center will provide an administrative home for the Land Grant Studies Program and New Mexico Land Grant Council and synergistic opportunities for growth and furthering UNM mission.

OPPORTUNITIES

Economic downturn caused by corona virus pandemic will likely impact FY 2022 funding from New Mexico Legislature.

THREATS

Looking Ahead to 2021

- Creation of Land Grant-Merced Institute as Category 3 Center.
- Intergenerational oral history interviews involving youth and elders from Taos County.
- Continue to develop cross campus partnership with School of Law and School of Architecture and Planning.
- Organization and distribution of digitized historical records to land grants-*mercedes* and general public.
- Seek funding for development of Youth Conservation Corp activities in land grant-merced communities.
- Genealogical research support to land grant-merced communities.
- Continuing analysis of copies of records obtained from National Archives and Library of Congress.

Summary

The UNM Land Grant Studies Program is the only university program in the state focused on conducting research on and providing services to community land grants in New Mexico. It provides historical and contemporary research used by nearly 40 community land grants, the New Mexico Land Grant Council, the Land Grant Interim Committee of the State Legislature, the New Mexico congressional delegation, and various federal and state agencies. It also provides service to the public through its events, youth development workshops, briefing papers and publications.