Leaving a Family Literary Legacy – October 30 & 31, 2015

South Broadway Cultural Center
1025 Broadway Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102

One and two-day registrations available. Lunch is included in the price of registration.

“The only thing wrong with immortality is that it tends to go on forever.” – Herb Caen.

Friday, October 30

9:00 – The Roots of Reconnaissance - Librarian Lisa K. Kindrick sheds light on the numerous genealogy resources available at Albuquerque’s main library on Copper Ave. The largest collection in the state, the library features 31,000 volumes of data organized by county and state with a dedicated computer lab for genealogical research, as well as records on microfilm and microfiche. An Albuquerque native with one set of grandparents farming pinto beans and milking cows in the Estancia Valley and the other set of grandparents coming to New Mexico to work at Los Alamos National Labs, Kindrick’s family story encompasses both the rural and high tech aspects of New Mexico’s history.

10:00 - The Detective in All of Us - Henrietta Christmas recounts the patience and tenacity needed for genealogical research. A well-known and respected genealogist and author, Christmas lectures regularly on topics related to New Mexico. She has performed genealogies for: the PBS Series, Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr., New Mexico’s local PBS panel discussion on genealogy, Santa Fe Fiesta Lectures, and Historical Society of New Mexico, among others. Christmas is the 2015-2016 president of the New Mexico Genealogical Society.

11:00 - Expanding the Audience for Your Family Legacy - Award-winning family memoirist Candace Walsh shares the secrets of transforming the plot points of family history into a universally gripping story that connects you with a wider audience. Walsh is the author of the memoir Licking the Spoon: a Memoir of Food, Family, and Identity a New Mexico/Arizona Book Award winner. She is also the co-editor, with Laura André, of Dear John, I Love Jane: Women Write About Leaving Men for Women a Lambda Literary Award finalist; and the editor
of *Ask Me About My Divorce: Women Open Up About Moving On*. She is the managing editor for *New Mexico Magazine*. [http://candacewalsh.com](http://candacewalsh.com)

**Lunch 12:00 - 1:15**

**1:30 - New Mexico History and Family** - Thomas E. Chavez is a historian with a Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico. He is the author of nine books, numerous book reviews and articles. Chavez will discuss the familial connections of the 150 original families that settled in New Mexico from the book *Origins of New Mexico Families* that was written by his uncle, Fray Angelico Chavez. Chavez retired as the Executive Director of the National Hispanic Culture Center in Albuquerque in 2004. Prior to that he was director of the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe, New Mexico for twenty-one years.

**2:45 - Creating a Future by Preserving the Past** - Folklorist and author Nasario Garcia shares his experiences in working with community elders to preserve history. Garcia is an award-winning author of twenty-nine books on folklore, oral history, creative stories—both for children and adults—and poetry. Garcia was born in Bernalillo, N.M. He received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of New Mexico. He was awarded a Ph.D. in XIX century Spanish literature from the University of Pittsburgh. [http://nasariogarciaphd.com](http://nasariogarciaphd.com)

**Saturday, October 31**

**9:00 - The History of Heritage** – The founding publisher and editor of *La Herencia*, Ana Pacheco provides the building blocks to melding oral histories into family legacies. Pacheco is the author/editor of six books on New Mexico history. Her new book, *Spirituality in Santa Fe: The City of Holy Faith* will be published in February 2016. She is the marketing director for the 2015 Tony Hillerman Literary Landscape Series. [http://anapachecosantafe.com](http://anapachecosantafe.com)

**10:00 – The Hunt for Crypto Jews** - For the better part of fifteen years, Rob Martinez has travelled from New Mexico to Mexico, to Cuba, Puerto Rico, and then to Spain, Italy, and France,
in the search of Crypto Jewish roots in Hispano families. As a research historian for Stanley Hordes’ Sephardic Legacy Project, Martinez has used his skills as a paleographer and historical detective to attempt to reveal an often difficult and controversial area of genealogy. Martinez was born and raised in Albuquerque and is a graduate of the University of New Mexico. Currently he is Assistant State Historian.

11:00 - TBA

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1:30 - The ABCs of DNA - In 2004 Angel Cervantes pioneered the study of Anthropological Genetic Genealogy with the creation of the New Mexico DNA Project. This study is the second largest Hispanic DNA database on record with more than 2200 DNA samples. In 2006 and 2014, Cervantes participated in PBS specials that discussed Anthropological Genetic Genealogy through the DNA of the Founding Families of the Spanish New Mexico Colony. Cervantes was born and raised in Las Vegas, NM and is a graduate of the University of New Mexico.

https://www.familytreedna.com/public/NewMexicoDNA

2:45 - UNM Tony Hillerman Portal Project – Graduate student and scholar Emily Cammack provides an overview of the UNM Tony Hillerman Portal Project.

http://ehillerman.unm.edu