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May 11, 2024 • 3:00 pm • Zimmerman Library

Organization, Information & Learning Sciences Graduation

A celebration.....

A time for looking back on lessons learned, adventures shared, bright moments filled with special meaning

A farewell.....

*A time for saying goodbye to old friends,
to good times you've known...a time for packing away memories,
treasures for tomorrow*

A beginning.....

*A time for looking forward, a time to set new goals,
to dream new dreams, to try your wings and see what lies beyond*

Congratulations Graduate!

May 11, 2024

PROGRAM

Welcome

Dr. Mark Emmons, Associate Dean
College of University Libraries & Learning Sciences

Introduction of OILS Faculty

Dr. Victor Law, Associate Professor
and Program Director of OILS

Introduction of Student Speakers

Dr. Victor Law, Associate Professor
and Program Director of OILS

Student Speakers

Kerly Sue Tweeten, B.S.
At last, We Made it. A Dream Realized.

Deyanira M. Nuñez, M.A.
Inspiring Your Next Design: Sketching the Journey Ahead

Monica J. Dorame, Ph.D.
T'áá hó' ajít'éego t'éiyá
(It's up to you to make change. That's the way of it.)

Amber L. Gallup, Ph.D.
There is No Wrong Door to Higher Education

Recognition of Graduates

Dr. Mark Emmons, Associate Dean

•• Reception ••

GRADUATES

Bachelor of Science

Mackee B. Bancroft
Garrett J. Becenti+
Amanda D. Chacon
Tammy L. Davis
Aubrey R. Felsch+

Sonya Lewis
Victoria D. Navarrette
Anna C. Nielsen
Sonja Perrault
Kerly Sue Tweeten~

Master of Arts

Catherine D. Abuhilu
Melissa Chavez
Paul Chavez
Susan B. Core
Denise L. Garcia
Yuliia Kashuba

Jennifer Klecker
Ingrid M. Magoffe
Danita M. Marvin
Deyanira M. Nuñez
Reed S. Spenrath

Doctor of Philosophy

Sara J. Dominguez*

Dissertation Title: "Teacher Implemented Scaffolding."

Monica J. Dorame*

Dissertation Title: "Native American Women Leadership in Higher Education."

Amber L. Gallup*

Dissertation Title: "The Development of Self-Efficacy, Professional Identity, and Persistence Intentions Among Frontline Healthcare Apprentices."

Manuel J. Jimenez Carrion*

Dissertation Title: "Advanced Quantitative Approaches to Unveil Social Inequities in Educational Contexts."

~ summa cum laude | + cum laude | # magna cum laude | *with distinction

STUDENT SPEAKERS

Monica Dorame, PhD



Monica Etsitty-Dorame is of the Diné nation originally from Fort Defiance, Arizona. She is Tábaqhá (Edge of Water clan) mother's clan and born for Tótsohnii (Big Water clan) father's clan. Honágháahnii (The One Walks Around) is her maternal grandfather's clan and Táchii'nii (Red Running Into the Water People) is her paternal grandfather's clan. She is a library operations manager for government information with extensive public services experience at the UNM University Libraries with 35 years of service. Monica is the regional representative for the New Mexico Federal Depository Library Program's regional library administered by the United States Government Publications Office (USGPO). Monica received her master's degree in public administration and BA in American studies from the University of New Mexico.

Amber L. Gallup, PhD



Amber Gallup is State Director of Adult Education at the New Mexico Higher Education Department, overseeing two statewide adult education and adult literacy systems and the implementation of Title II of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) in New Mexico. Her dissertation research included registered apprenticeship design for frontline healthcare professionals and the evolution of self-efficacy, professional identity, and persistence intentions among adults in lower-prestige occupations. She is an active participant on the State Workforce Board and the National Association of State Directors of Adult Education (NASDAE). Amber lives in Santa Fe with her husband and daughter.

Deyanira M. Nuñez, MA



Deyanira "Dey" Núñez was born and raised in the South Valley of Albuquerque, New Mexico and is the first in her family to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish with two minors in Communication and Psychology in 2016 and a Master of Arts in Organization, Information, and Learning Sciences with a concentration in Adult Education and Professional Development in 2024. Dey began her career in Higher Education as a student work-study where she supported first-generation college students, which inspired her to continue mentoring and guiding learners from diverse backgrounds. Her professional experience extends through various areas, including the Office of Student Affairs, the Office of Advising Strategies, the School of Architecture + Planning and the College of Nursing. Dey hopes to continue providing holistic support to meet learner needs, create opportunities for growth and development, embrace diversity through empathy, and respect, and continue giving back to the community. Outside of her profession and academics, Dey is a member of the Ballet Folklórico Fiesta Mexicana dance company, enjoys volunteering with Roadrunner Food Bank, spending time with her loved ones and her cat Binx, and collecting postcards from her travels, when possible.

Kerly Sue Tweeten, BS



Kerly Sue was born in the Philippines and later moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. She initially started at Central New Mexico Community College, then transferred to the University of New Mexico with the help of her advisor Patrick Gomez. She has over six years of experience in academic management and student services. She is passionate about empowering diverse students which propelled her to pursue a degree in instructional learning. Beyond her academic pursuits, Kerly Sue is an avid reader and is usually tucked between the pages of her books. She loves to travel and attend concerts with her sisters. As she prepares to graduate, Kerly would like to be more involved with her local community.

THANK YOU

Organization, Information & Learning Sciences Faculty

Dr. Leo S. Lo, Dean

Dr. Mark Emmons, Associate Dean

Amy Jackson, Associate Dean

Dr. Victor Law, Associate Professor and Program Director

Dr. Charlotte "Lani" Gunawardena, Distinguished Professor Emerita

Dr. Bob Grassberger, Assistant Professor Emeritus

Dr. Amir Hedayati-Mehdiabadi, Assistant Professor

Dr. Sung Pil Kang, Associate Professor and Associate Program Director

Dr. Stephanie Moore, Assistant Professor

Dr. Vanessa Svihla, Associate Professor

Dr. Oleksandr Tkachenko, Associate Professor

Program Staff

Christopher Larrañaga, OILS Program Manager

Benjamin Henrique, Student Administrative Assistant

UNM INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' LAND AND TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Founded in 1889, the University of New Mexico sits on the traditional homelands of the Pueblo of Sandia.

The original peoples of New Mexico – Pueblo, Navajo, and Apache – since time immemorial, have deep connections to the land and have made significant contributions to the broader community statewide.

We honor the land itself and those who remain stewards of this land throughout the generations and also acknowledge our committed relationship to Indigenous peoples.

We gratefully recognize our history.

Developed by the Special Assistant for American Indian Affairs to the UNM President in consultation with the Native American Faculty Council.

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