



Unlock Your Family's Past:

The 65th Anniversary New Mexico Genealogical Society Conference
17–18 October 2025 — CNM Space Solutions, Albuquerque, NM

Schedule



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Schedule—Friday, 17 October 2025

- 9:00 a.m. **Jordan Jones**
Opening Remarks
- 9:15 a.m. **Debbie Gurtler, AG®**
“Genealogy or Mythology: You Decide!!”

Whether you have been researching for years or you are just getting started, there will be something for everyone. Learn how to research effectively for success and why and how to cite your sources. As you research, the FamilySearch Wiki should be a go-to tool, learn why. Lastly, if you are wondering how to check the accuracy of your family tree, FamilySearch has a new tool for you.
- 10:45 a.m. **Yvette Cohn Stoor**
“La Sangre Llama (The Blood Calls)”

Document living traditions for the Library of Congress through the Comanchitos project in New Mexico. Includes Yvette’s journey and discoveries.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch — catered lunch from Garcia’s included with conference registration
- 1:00 p.m. **Debbie Gurtler, AG®**
“How Did You Find That!”

FamilySearch adds millions of records every year, are you finding everything you should? This class will highlight some different ways to search with lots of tips to make sure you leave no stone unturned in the search for your ancestors.
- 2:30 p.m. **Debbie Gurtler, AG®**
“What’s New on FamilySearch?”

FamilySearch is constantly evolving with tools and innovations to help enhance your family history research. These tools and new features are designed to help you discover, gather, and connect with your family in new and exciting ways.
- 4:00 p.m. Networking and wrap-up. Dinner on your own.

Schedule—Saturday, 18 October 2025

- 9:00 a.m. **Henrietta Martinez Christmas**
“Juan Bautista de Anza’s Retinue – Troncoso and Pérez Serrano. Soldiers and Settlers: Researching Colonial Military in the Spanish Borderlands”

A brief exploration of the advisors and family of Governor Anza, focusing on Vicente Troncoso and Francisco Pérez Serrano. This journey into New Mexico highlights their roles, family connections, and collaboration in military efforts.
- 10:30 a.m. **Genevieve Chavez Mitchell**
“Using Letters, Photos and Stories to Share Your Family History”

Uncover your family’s rich and fascinating past by bringing together cherished photos, heartfelt letters, and captivating stories for each of your known ancestors.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch — Box lunch from Hello Deli included with conference registration. Music by Jordan Wax.
- 1:00 p.m. **Daria Celeste Landress**
“Break Through Your Genealogy Brick Walls with X-DNA Analysis”

Struggling with dead ends in your family research? X-chromosome DNA holds unique clues that can solve your most challenging genealogical puzzles. Daria makes complex X-chromosome analysis simple and understandable. Learn effective, practical techniques to dig deeper into your maternal and paternal lines.
- 2:15 p.m. **A. Lee Martinez**
“The Prevalence of Non-Paternal Events in NM”

Use Y-DNA and clade association to confirm lineages and overcome research obstacles.
- 3:30 p.m. **Henrietta M. Christmas, Daria Landress, Lee Martinez, & Miguel A. Tórriz**
“Open Session with the NMGS DNA Team”

Audience-led discussion answering your DNA-related genealogy questions.
- 4:15 p.m. **Annual Meeting**