

2023 NMGS Conference Speaker Bios

Henrietta M. Christmas is the current NMGS VP, and past president, and currently spends much of her time researching and locating records outside of New Mexico. An award-winning author, historic preservationist and a 2021 Isabela La Católica recipient, Henrietta lives in Bernalillo, home of her ancestors.

Daria Landress is a long-time member of NMGS, serving her third year as a board member for the society. She is one of the administrators and lineage validators for the NMGS DNA project. Genetic genealogy has become her passion. She enjoys researching and writing about Colonial New Mexico families, using both traditional genealogy and genetic data garnered from Y-DNA and mt-DNA testing. Daria, also a research associate with Native Bound Unbound, contributes to the creation of a centralized digital repository of enslaved Indigenous people across the Americas.

Angela Lewis is a native of Albuquerque, and her long-time genealogy passion is her Gurulé website. She is an NMGS board member, taking care of membership, mailing lists, and many behind the scenes tasks. She is also the county coordinator for NMGenWeb's Bernalillo, Sandoval, and San Miguel counties.

Robert Martinez is a 15th generation New Mexican and the current New Mexico State Historian. Rob has traveled extensively researching archives around the world looking for those hard-to-find New Mexicans who left a paper trail in places not inside of New Mexico.

Nick Pappas is an author, journalist and editor. Now retired, Nick focuses much of his energy on the Dawson, New Mexico mining incidents. Nick maintains an updated blog at <https://nickpappasbooks.com/>

Mary Penner, Certified Genealogist, is a long-time NMGS member and former editor of the *New Mexico Genealogist*. She's on the editorial staff of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and she's written more than 200 articles, columns, and essays about genealogy. She learns something new about New Mexico research every day.

Robert J. Tórrrez was born and raised in northern New Mexico. A member of the last graduating class of Tierra Amarilla High School, he served as the New Mexico State Historian from 1987 until his retirement in December 2000. Over the past five decades, his research in New Mexico's archival collections has produced dozens of regional and national publications, authored several books and contributed to more than twenty anthologies, including a recent New Mexico history textbook. Since 1992, he has published nearly 350 New Mexico history columns under his "Voices From the Past" monthly column.